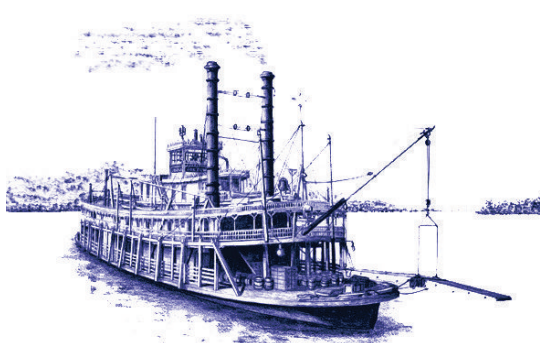




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Plan petition to revoke Lost Trails dies

Owner withdraws BZA application

BY BOB DEMAREE

A petition to revoke a conditional use permit for the Lost Trails Campground near Madison resulted in no action by the Jefferson County Plan Commission on Tuesday followed by a withdrawal of a conditional use application before the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals.

The case revisited BZA approval

of a conditional use permit for the campground in September 2021, that was brought back before the BZA in a new application in April due to a change in ownership. But in the end, owner Sam Simons withdrew that application at Tuesday's meeting, noting he was not comfortable with conditions that could be applied the new approval, and felt confident the campground can continue operation under the initial conditional use permit.

One of the conditions for the approval of the conditional use permit in 2021 was that a change of ownership would require BZA re-

approval of the conditional use.

But as the Plan Commission discussed provisions to consider for revoking the permit, one matter consistent throughout the changes in ownerships over the last four years is that Simons was still involved in the project.

Simons has owned the land at 4004 and 4012 North Old Road State Road 62 since 2013 when he purchased it with his wife, Angela, who died in 2023. Simons, now remarried, decided to transfer ownership to an entity he created, Lost Trails LLC, as part of his estate planning. Records in the county's GIS seem to show

six transfers of ownership since 2022, the most recent going back solely to Simons on April 2, the next day after the latest conditional use permit was considered at the April 1 BZA meeting.

Patrick Magrath, the attorney representing both the Plan Commission and the BZA, explained the intent of the change of ownership provision is the county considers conditional use "to run with the person as opposed to the land," and with conditional use permits allowing a restricted use of the property, it is a means of making sure that the owner is aware and agrees to follow

through on the specific restrictions for the land use.

"Even though there have been some name changes" in the ownership of Lost Trails Campground, "the primary owner has remained the same and the primary person would have been aware of those conditions," said Warren Auxier, president of the Plan Commission.

When it came time for the Plan Commission to vote on whether to revoke the original conditional use permit, there was no motion to take action, resulting in no action.

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Madison man gets 40 years for drug-dealing

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison man at the center of a months-long drug investigation by multiple law enforcement agencies called "Operation Iceberg" has been sentenced to 40 years prison on 14 felony drug possession and drug trafficking charges.



CHRISTOPHER ROGERS DORTON

Christopher Rodgers Dorton, 48, of Madison, was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge DJ Mote on Monday to 40 years at the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) after being convicted on 14 felony counts for dealing in methamphetamine and cocaine.

The investigation, conducted in 2024, led to 25 total drug-related arrests and removed pounds of methamphetamine and a significant amount of cocaine from the community. Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter said Dorton's conviction brings the current total sentences to 145 years for Iceberg defendants.

The investigation began in February of 2024 after authorities learned that Dorton was a major supplier of methamphetamine in

Jefferson County. Throughout the investigation, officers were able to confirm that Dorton made at least 65 trips to Louisville, where he obtained methamphetamine and cocaine from Darren Richardson, also known as Anthony Richardson.

"This 40-year sentence sends a clear message: If you traffic deadly drugs in Jefferson County, you will be held accountable. We will continue to pursue major dealers who profit from addiction and destroy lives," said Sutter. "The Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect our community."

Operation Iceberg was led by the Indiana State Police and involved the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office, City of Madison Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jennings County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State Police, and the U.S. Marshal's Office.

"I want to thank Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Mark Campbell

Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder (from right) and Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint recognize Madison Patrolman Andrew Gibbs and Jefferson County Sgt. Devlin McMIndes and Deputy Cameron Napier for their acts of bravery during a violent domestic attack in April.

Officers recognized for bravery

BY MARK CAMPBELL

In an unusually brief 30-minute meeting, Madison City Council on Tuesday recognized three officers for life saving bravery, accepted an award presented on behalf of the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, and adopted two resolutions related to budget transfers in the Parks Department.

Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder detailed an incident on Madison's hilltop on April 25 when

three officers — Madison Patrolman Andrew Gibbs and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Deputy Cameron Napier and Sgt. Devlin McMIndes — responded to a 911 call involving a brutal domestic assault that left a local woman dead and three family members barricaded behind a door in a bedroom and the suspect allegedly trying to get in to harm them.

Scudder said while the incident was an "isolated domestic" assault the threat to the other family members was imminent when the three officers

arrived on scene and quickly coordinated their efforts to disarm and arrest the suspect and remove a woman and two children from an apartment in Presidential Estates.

Scudder noted that in reviewing video from the officers' body cams he was struck by their bravery and professionalism in a dangerous situation. "It kind of gave me chills but it also made me proud" of the way officers from two different

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

Butters is at home at The Drake

Doing this column every week I get my first peek at the weekly music calendar.

I can often spot trends in what kinds of music each venue is featuring, and I notice a lot of the local favorite bands who frequent our music scene, like Vaguely Familiar and Jimmy Davis Band. But in recent months I noticed a new name popping up every couple of months, with a fascinating "double tt — double tt" characteristic. I started to notice the name Scotty Butters, and he always played at The



CHARLIE ROHLFING

Drake. (He's playing this Saturday, June 7, from 7-10 p.m.)

"I live in Coldwater, Michigan now," explains Scotty, "but I have Madison roots and a lot of my family is down here. I make a point to come down fairly often, and the good folks at The Drake have been kind enough to book me whenever I come. It's nice to play for my family and friends, plus it sorta pays for the gas money to make the trip."

"It was actually my buddy Richard 'Dicky' Kernan who made the connection with The

Drake. I was just coming down for visits without really any idea to play music. But Dicky was pretty emphatic and persuasive! He pushed me to play, and he pretty much insisted that it had to be at The Drake. I'm glad he did. The folks at the Drake have been good enough to book a series of shows for the entire year, so I can plan my visits around those dates."

Scotty was born in Madison, and his grandfather was an active musician named Pete Rivers who played in the Twi-lighters band. "He was a big influence," says Scotty. "He played guitar, keys, horns,

drums, you name it. Mom was really young so I stayed with my grandparents a lot. Grandad taught me some stuff, but he played guitar in this weird open G tuning that made everything more complicated. Still, I was exposed to a lot of music right from the start.

"During those high school years I was in a grunge band called Comatose that was quite active. There was another band called Granny, and one called Acoustic Turmoil Ensemble. None of the local bars wanted grunge music, plus we were all too young to get in bars anyway. So we rented the 4-H building,

must have been around 1993 or 94, and had our shows up there. We'd charge just a couple bucks to cover costs. It was me, Alan Northern, Glen McCain and JJ Elam.

"But life has a way of complicating things, and around 2007 my wife and I moved up to Michigan for a fresh start, and the music kind of fell away for a while. But it was always in the back of my mind. So when I was working in a bar around 2012, I started talking to the owner about trying live music. I offered to play one day a week, and it

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Indiana man, woman arrested after evading Carroll deputy

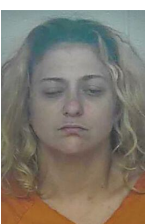
BY THE COURIER STAFF

A man and woman from Indianapolis were arrested Thursday in Carroll County after being involved in a dangerous incident where they allegedly attempted to strike a law enforcement officer with their vehicle. Following the attempted assault, the suspects fled the scene and were later apprehended in the surrounding area.

Clinton Meadows, 28, and Holly Price, 34, were both armed with handguns at the time of their arrest. Both have been charged with possession of handgun by convicted felon, fleeing or evading police and attempted murder of a first responder. Meadows was also



CLINTON MEADOWS



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charged on an out of state warrant for fleeing law enforcement. The incident began when an off duty Carroll County Sheriff's Department deputy observed the two suspects on private property on KY 55 about 7 miles south of Carrollton at about

2 a.m. Thursday. When the officer attempted to make contact, the suspects fled the scene in a Dodge Charger allegedly putting the deputy at risk of injury. Meadows and Price eventually fled the vehicle and were arrested without further incident. They were lodged in the Carroll County Regional Detention Center and the investigation remains ongoing. Carroll County Sheriff Ryan Gosser said the suspects were

taken into custody due to the response and coordinated efforts of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Carrollton Police Department, Kentucky State Police and the Oldham County Drone Team, who were instrumental in locating and safely apprehending the suspects. Gosser expressed gratitude for the inter-agency cooperation that led to a successful resolution of the situation.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings June 2, 2025
Gary Thomas Carter Jr., 45, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony; and Visiting a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substances-2 Counts, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.
Christopher Allen Denning, 42, Canaan, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, and on a parole hold warrant. Bond \$1,000 cash.

June 3, 2025
Gavin Tyler Etherton, 21, Madison, for serve 40 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
Kelsey Cheynne Luellen, 30, Madison, to serve court-ordered sentence for probation violation. No bond.
Jason Keith Updegraff, 29, Deputy, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant, Bond \$100,000 cash.

June 4, 2025
Dillon A.M. Youngblood, 33, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings June 2, 2025
Gavin Tyler Etherton, 21, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 90 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 18 days jail served plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 90-day loss of driver's license.
Bobby Joseph Morris, 50, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 6 days jail served and 174 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

David Wayne Daugherty, 37, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189 court costs.
Cole Jordan Wilson, 25, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 365 days supervised probation with defendant to obtain a valid license. Probation may convert to unsupervised after 180 days with proof of valid license, plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.
Donald A. Perry, 55, Milton, Kentucky, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, with credit for 6 days served and 174 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 60-day loss of driver's license.
Charles Nash Grooms, 27, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs, restitution to Hanover College in an amount to be determined and 30-day loss of driver's license.
Austin Ray Clemons, 30, Carrollton, Kentucky, for

Public Intoxication and Criminal Mischief, both Class B misdemeanors. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 362 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$189 court costs and restitution to Coty Thornton in an amount to be determined.
Crystal Dawn Nash, 51, Butlerville, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$389 in fees and court costs.
Kirk Patrick Thomas Craig, 36, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail on for Marijuana and 60 days jail for paraphernalia, with credit for 4 days jail served and placed on a total of 236 days unsupervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.
Robin Leigh Eurtion, 49, New Albany, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

June 3, 2025
Melissa Kay Jolly, 36, Owen-ton, Kentucky, to amended charges of Theft and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each charge, concurrent but fully executed, with credit for 124 days jail served plus \$389 in fees and court costs.
Peggy K. White, 59, Madison, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, served, plus \$189.50 in court costs.
Ethan Wayne White, 28, Madison, to amended charges of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail for OWI and 180 days jail for paraphernalia, consecutive, with credit for 2 days jail served and 543 days jail suspended to supervised probation plus \$989.50 in fees and court costs and 180-day loss of driver's license.
Ashley Nicole Spall, 38, Butlerville, Indiana, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 18 days jail served and 712 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.
Thomas Elison Freeman, 75, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 30-day loss of driver's license.
Peggy K. White, 59, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 4 days jail served and 361 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to probation in separate offense (see above), plus \$389 in fees and court costs.
Joshua William Gullion, 22, Hanover, for Possession of

Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony, consecutive to 140 days jail on the misdemeanor, fully executed and served, and placed on 365 days supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.
Cynthia L. Hutcherson, 70, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days jail served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 30-day loss of driver's license.

June 4, 2025
Jeremy T. Webster, 40, Madison, amended judgment and sentence from Dealing in Methamphetamine/Delivery of Methamphetamine-10 or more grams, a Level 2 felony, to Conspiracy to Dealing in Methamphetamine/Delivery of Methamphetamine-10 or more grams, a Level 2 felony; and Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 4,015 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 352 days jail served.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County June 2, 2025
Elizabeth M. Riley and Troy D. Riley to Elizabeth M. Riley, Troy D. Riley and Revocable Living Trust of Troy Dean Riley and Elizabeth Manning Riley, approximately 15.9 acres at 9119 West State Road 250, Deputy.
Allyson Sullivan to Tammy Ritz and Richard Ritz, approximately 54.3 acres at 3904 East 320 North, Madison.
Warren R. Wilhelm Jr. to Gavin Lee Drew, 331 October Street, Hanover.

June 3, 2025
Ray E. Hammersley, Betty A. Hammersley and Ray E. Hammersley and Betty A. Hammersley Revocable Living Trust to Roger Sevier and Beth Sevier, approximately 82.5 acres at 391 North 1250 West, Deputy.
Mark A. Atkins and Angelica M. Millan to Jason Buchanan, 11945 North Jefferson Road, Madison.
Trevor B. Crafton, Sara E. Crafton, Sara E. Crafton (power of attorney), John Harding and Nancy Harding, to Katherine Wood and Walter Wood III, approximately 5.6 acres at 3895 West State Road 56, Hanover.
William A. Ohlendorf and Susan M. Ohlendorf to Keith A. Cullens, Mary Beth Cullens (trustees) and Cullens Revocable Trust, 416 West Second Street, Madison.
Thomas Gregory Vanosdol to Robert E. Hough and Sheila R. Hough, 208 Wildwood Drive, Madison.
Swift Property Buying LLC to Swift Rental Properties LLC, 117 West Crowe Street, Hanover; 312 East Fifth Street, Madison; and 620 North Jefferson Street, Madison.
David F. Atkins and Donna M. Atkins to Angelica M. Millan, approximately 64.5 acres at 11905 North Jefferson Road, Madison.
Andrea L. Forrester (trustee) and Andrea L. Forrester Revocable Living Trust to Laura Rounce and Timothy John Rounce, 420 South Indian Cave Road, Madison.

Poplar Ridge residents voice concerns over egg farm

BY BOB DEMAREE

Construction is underway for a chicken/egg farm on Poplar Ridge Road in north-eastern Jefferson County with neighbors expressing their concerns at Tuesday's meeting of the Jefferson County Plan Commission. Texas-based Vital Farms Inc. purchased 81.79 acres in December at 9499 East Poplar Ridge Road near the county line of Jefferson, Ripley and Switzerland counties. With the county's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) providing a threshold number below 30,000 laying hens, Vital Farms met the requirements to receive the building permit for the egg production operation, which will reportedly have approximately 20,000 hens. Sharon Roeder, a Poplar Ridge resident, had asked to be put on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting to register her concerns, asking the Plan Commission to make updates to the UDO before allowing Vital Farms to move forward with the operation. But the project has already been approved based on the current ordinance. "Vital Farms has applied for building permit, and what we have to judge is our current ordinance, and they met those requirements," said Warren Auxier, president of the Plan Commission. "Our staff reviewed that and Vital Farms has been given a permit to proceed with building their facility." Roeder said she was aware that a building permit has been granted, but wants the county to make Vital Farms adhere to all county guidelines. "I'm aware of that but I also want you to make Vital accountable. I want you to come and make sure they follow your very vague UDO guidelines because we as a community are going to have to live with the repercussions," she said. "We are already stuck with it," Roeder added. "We know we are stuck with it so why let the rest of community not go through what we're going through." Two other Poplar Ridge residents — Jim Decker and Dorothy Stevenson Green —

also attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the chicken farm. Decker has lived on property adjacent to the land now owned by Vital Farms for 18 years. Green's family dates back to 1820 when she said her great-grandfather immigrated from Scotland. "I love Poplar Ridge," said Green, adding she is concerned about damage to roads caused by "big dump trucks" that have seen traveling to the site. Roeder also is troubled by road damage, particularly since that road was improved within the last five years after finally qualifying for the county's gravel road conversion program. "Our road is a small circuitous ... not a road that is made for heavy traffic or heavy trucks." She was also concerned about pollution and odor. "We are in critical need for openness and engagement with the community of Poplar ridge regarding the project's societal and environmental impact," she said.

All three Poplar Ridge residents talked about their attempts to contact Vital Farms for answers and getting no response from the company. "We are just asking them to be a good neighbor," said Roeder. "Like I told my husband, I don't want them to bake me a pie but I do want them to tell me what they are going to be doing with their facility." County Surveyor Mike Pittman said he has talked with Erik Evensen, general manager with Vital Farms, who expressed willingness to respond to questions but did not want to participate in a public meeting because of his experience in Switzerland County where citizens expressed strong opposition to a potential chicken farm at a Switzerland County BZA meeting. Roeder said she was told, "People came with pitchforks, and went off the rails," at that meeting. A proposal for a chicken farm also went before the Ripley County BZA earlier this year and also received strong opposition. With that public outcry in two neighboring counties, Roeder questioned why Vital Farms is "going forward so quickly here" in Jefferson County.

Auxier explained Jefferson County's UDO was developed with an emphasis that Jefferson County is a farming community. "Historically, Jefferson County has been a farming community and they've wanted to be in support of the farming side of things. Our comprehensive plan starts out with a statement supporting farming." He said while 30,000 laying hens sounds like a lot, it is the established threshold provided in the definition for what is allowed in Jefferson County. "I think they moved forward with ours because we had established ordinances that were done just three years ago, so that laid out their clear definitions as what could be allowed and what wasn't allowed," Auxier said. David Ferguson, who serves on both the BZA and the Plan Commission, said Vital Farms' operation of 20,000 chickens produces less manure than 60 head of cattle. Auxier noted the manure will not be disposed of on the property, but dried, stored in a building and hauled off site once or twice per year. "I am proposing that we make sure Vital Farms does their share to be sure the roads are improved so that you don't have any worries, and they don't have any worries because they don't want their trucks to go off the road any more than you do..." said Pittman. "We're doing all that we can do to be sure they are good citizens in this county, and be sure you are safe and everyone is safe. Again, they are within the ordinance." In other action, the BZA and Plan commissions approved extending the postmark deadline on delivery of certified mail by each board to 15 days — previously set at 10 days — due to recent delays in postal service. The Plan Commission will meet again next Tuesday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m., for a public hearing at the Community Building at Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds on updates to the UDO concerning solar energy and whiskey barrel storage facilities.

Patching operations begin between Brooksbury, Vevay

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Patching operations on State Road 56 between Brooksbury and Vevay were to begin Thursday, June 5, and expected to be completed in early August, weather permitting. Flagging operations will be used while work is in progress. Crews will work daily from approximately 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. The project is part of a \$3.7 million contract awarded to Dave

O'Mara Contractor Inc. in August 2024. The project is separate from the slide correction work that is currently underway 4.6 miles east Madison that is expected to be completed in late June, weather permitting. Because of the safety risk, Indiana Department of Transportation issued the closure for the road March 27, requiring emergency slide repair work that is being done by GeoSpecialties on State Road 56 between Madison and Brooksbury.

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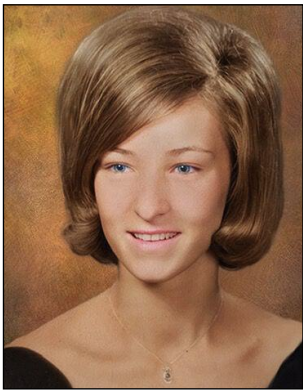
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Hoosier 9-10-33-38-41-46 (6/4). Estimated Jackpot: \$5 million. Next Drawing (6/7).	Cash Ball: 27-28-32-35 CB: 1 (6/4)	PB: 24, PP 10 (6/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$44 million.
Cash Five: 4-10-16-17-41 (6/4)	Lucky For Life: 11-12-14-40-41 LB: 10 (6/4)	Next Drawing (6/7)
Cash 4 Life: 10-11-21-45-53 CB: 1 (6/4)	MEGAMILLIONS: 16-24-29-36-45 MB: 13 (6/3). Next Jackpot: \$223 million. Next Drawing (6/6)	POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 13-33-35-36-56 PB: 2 (6/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (6/7)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:15 a.m. Sunset: 9:05 p.m. Temperature: High 78, Low 66, Mean 72, Deficit 1.6 Precipitation since last published: 0	Precipitation, June 2025: 0 Precipitation, 2025: 29.98 Barometer 30.17, Steady River Level at Clifty Creek: 425.9 feet, Falling Forecast: Saturday: Mostly	cloudy High 78/Low 64; Sunday: Showers High 80/Low 63; Monday: Showers High 77/Low 61; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 78/Low 57.
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Fritzi Lee Bruther Jackson



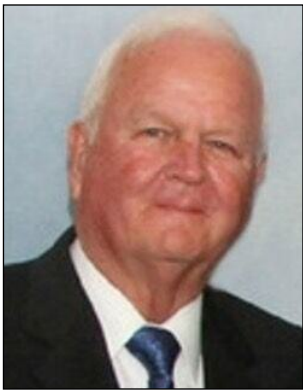
Fritzi Lee Bruther Jackson, age 72, of Milton, KY, entered this life on Oct. 9, 1952, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late George "Fritz" Lee and Nancy Lee Coons Bruther. She was raised in Jefferson County, and was a 1970 graduate of Southwestern High School in Hanover, IN. She then attended the Kentucky Christian University for two years. On May 30, 1973, she was united in marriage to Denny Carroll Jackson at the North Madison Christian Church in Madison, IN. This happy union of 52 years was blessed with sons, Byron and Ryan and a daughter, Jenna. She was a devoted wife, loving mom, grandma, sister, and friend. She enjoyed private babysitting while raising her family. She had also worked at Conn Organ, Jay's Market, and retired from Milton Elementary School after 17 years of service as a teacher's aide. She also enjoyed being a host for exchange students. She resided the past 30 years in Trimble County, and loved her

many animals she had around her home. She also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, was an avid Louisville Cardinals fan, and Cincinnati Reds Baseball, as well as the Baltimore Ravens Football fan. She was an extremely active member of the North Madison Christian Church and enjoyed her fellowship with the Lunch Bunch. She fought a courageous battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis for the past several years. Fritzi died on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 11:49 a.m., at her home in Milton, KY, surrounded by her family. Fritzi will be missed by her loving husband of 52 years, Denny Carroll Jackson of Milton, KY; her

sons, Byron Jackson and his wife, Jessica of Madison, IN, Ryan Jackson of Milton, KY; her daughter, Jenna Jackson and her companion, Nate Steinbis of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Mikon Robertson (Justin), Milan Jackson, Owen Jackson, Zachery Wolf, and Tyler Wolf; her great grandchildren, Maylee Lewis and Emery Robertson; her brother in laws, Ray Wilson of Lexington, IN, Shane Jackson & his wife, Billie of Vevay, IN; her sister in laws, Pauline Bruther of Hanover, IN, Yvonne Bruther of Madison, IN, Libby Jackson Kinman and her husband, John of Vevay, IN, Vedic Tingle and her husband, Jeff of Springfield, KY; her exchange students, Selina Boettcher, Toni Rein, Ji Sun Park, and Nadine Marfurt; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, George "Fritz" Lee Bruther, her mother, Nancy Lee Coons Bruther, her brothers, Bro. Ron L. Bruther, and Kenneth E.

Bruther, her sister, Karen K. Bruther Wilson, her father in law, William Aubrey Jackson, her mother in law, Julia L. Stockdale Jackson, her nephew, Will Jackson. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, June 9, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Bro. Bob Hicks, Bro. Brye Welty and Pastor Keith Abrams at the North Madison Christian Church, 1400 East State Road 62 in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Bedford Cemetery in Bedford, KY. Friends may visit Sunday from 3 - 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN, and Monday from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the North Madison Christian Church, 1400 East State Road 62 in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Noble William 'Bill' Henderson, Jr



Noble William "Bill" Henderson, Jr., age 81, of Bedford, KY, passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY. He was born Oct. 19, 1943, in Pewee Valley, KY, the son of Noble W., Sr., and Gladys Carder Henderson. After graduating from Trimble County High School, he found that he was interested in two possible careers. One was education and the other was funeral service. He ultimately chose education and enrolled in Eastern Kentucky University. There he received his Bachelor of Arts and master's degree in education and administration. He spent his first three years teaching 6th grade Social Studies at Milton Elementary School. In 1969, he transitioned to Indiana, first teaching Social Studies and History at Southwestern Jr. High School in Hanover. He moved to Madison Consolidated Schools as assistant principal and then principal at the former E.O Muncie Elementary School. Later, he was principal at Anderson Elementary

School. He retired as principal from Lydia Middleton Elementary School in 2002, culminating in a 37 year career in education. He also realized that he still had an interest in the funeral profession, so he decided to mail a letter of interest to local funeral homes requesting part-time work. His letter was answered by Jim Holt who then owned and operated the (former) Vail-Holt Funeral Home in Madison, and Hanover, and began working part-time. Bill continued working in both professions until 1982, when he accepted the job as vice-principal at Anderson. After 37 years of service, he retired from education in 2002. Bill returned to working

part time at the funeral home as they needed him. In 2008, he was approached by Lee and Frederica Congleton, the owners of Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, about working for them. It was a perfect fit for the entire team. In a short time, he transitioned completely over to the Ransdell Funeral Home. Bill also served as a deputy coroner in Trimble County. He was a member, Sunday School teacher and a deacon at Bedford Baptist Church. He volunteered, served as secretary, and was a very active member of the Trimble County Apple Festival Committee. Bill was also a Kentucky Colonel. His surviving family includes his wife and childhood sweetheart, the former Jewell Scott, to whom he was married on June 19, 1965; one son and daughter-in-law, Trent and Amanda Henderson of Milton; one daughter, Haley Turner of Lagrange, KY; one brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Doris Henerson of Madison; two sisters-in-law, Arlene Henderson of Madison, and Dorothy Scott of Bedford;

nine grandchildren: Collan Henderson, Hunter Henderson, Wesley Henderson, Beau Turner, Bailey Turner, Bree Turner, Andrew Edmondson, Addison Edmondson, and Aiden Edmondson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Danny Henderson; two brothers-in-law, Maynard Scott and Leon Scott; and one sister-in-law, Joyce Scott. The Reverend Mark Payton will officiate the funeral services at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Bedford Baptist Church, with interment to follow in Moffett Cemetery, Milton. The family will receive at Bedford Baptist Church from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2025, and from 9 a.m., until the time of services on Saturday. Contributions to Bedford Baptist Church may be made in memory of Bill Henderson. Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford, KY, is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at ransdellfuneral.com.

Marilyn Perry Taylor O'Day



Marilyn Perry Taylor O'Day, age 79, of Frankfort, KY, formerly of Madison, and Trimble County, entered this life on March 19, 1946, in Louisville, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Leslie Leroy "Bud" and Anna Rose Pyles Perry. She was raised in Trimble County, residing there most of her life. She graduated in 1964 from Trimble County High School. She was blessed to raise one son, Shane Allen Taylor. On July 14, 2001, she was united in marriage to Louis Carroll O'Day at the Milton Baptist Church in Milton, KY. She worked early in life for Reliance Electric in Madison, and later for the LaGrange Reformatory in the banking department. She retired after 33 years of service at the Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank in Bedford,

KY. She resided in the Lexington, IN, community for five years and then moved to Frankfort, KY, where she resided the past 10 years. She had been a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Hanover, and most recently the North Frankfort Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky. She loved to exercise, especially swimming and walking. She was a loving mom, devoted sister, aunt, and

friend. Marilyn died on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 7:32 a.m., at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center in Frankfort, KY. Marilyn will be missed by her loving sister, Carolyn Stevens and her husband, David of Frankfort, KY; her loving brother, Glenn Delbert Perry of Milton, KY; her sisters-in-law, Thelma Perry of Hanover, IN, Janet O'Day Weber and her husband, Walter of Milton; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Leslie Leroy "Bud" Perry, her mother, Anna Rose Pyles Perry, her beloved husband, Louis Carroll O'Day, died Nov. 22, 2006, her beloved son, Shane Allen Taylor, her brothers, Richard Leon Perry, and David Leroy Perry, her sisters-in-law, Virgie Perry,

and Brenda Hamilton Perry. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Mike Johnson at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow at a later date in the Bedford Cemetery in Bedford, KY. Friends may visit Saturday from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Corn Creek Baptist Church or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS
Ohio Valley Folkways Symposium Series
Historian Eleutherian College
6927 State Road 250, Madison (near Lancaster)
Sunday, June 8, 1-4 p.m.
"Poetry of the Old Northwest" kicks off the series featuring a performance of Kentucky inspired poems by acclaimed U.S. National Beat Poet Laureate Ron Whitehead, accompanied by singer Cait Justice and guitarist Tommy Bays. Historian Glory-June Greiff will give a brief presentation on Early Indiana Poet Sarah T. Bolton. Native American Flute by Fred Nez Keams will also be featured throughout the event. Regional artists and poets will present live readings of historical and contemporary prose and poetry, and a one-day-art exhibit will highlight the cultural heritage of the Ohio Valley.
Egyptian Art
Trimble County Public Library, Bedford Ky.
Tuesday, June 10, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Egyptian Art program for all ages featuring professional archaeologist Dr. Sean O'Neill from Hanover College focusing on ancient Egyptian art and culture with firsthand insights from an expert in the field. Free and open to the public.
Threads of Scotland Exhibit
Jefferson County History and Art Center
615 West First St., Madison
Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
Opening reception for exhibit on the life and weaving of Thomas Cranston, a professional weaver from Scotland who after moving to the Scottish settlement of Caledonia, located in Jefferson and Switzerland counties, became one of the most technically skilled professional weavers in Indiana. RSVP by June 9. Exhibit at history center from June 11-Oct. 30.
Music in the Park
Bicentennial Park, Madison
Friday, June 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Matthew Williams is the opening act starting at 6:30 p.m. Honkytonk Rewind

Band is the headliner starting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. Free program from Madison Main Street.
Faith, Family and Freedom Day
Heritage Park
Vernon Street and Vaughn Drive, Madison
Saturday, June 14, Noon-5 p.m.
Free community event with inflatables, a slip 'n slide, 26-foot water slide, cornhole, dunk tank, free Kona-Ice (from 1-3:30 p.m.), free food provided by Hoboken Eddie McCarthy (from 1-5 p.m.), refreshments, booths for family, recovery related resources and live Christian music. Bring your own chairs. For children going on the water slide, bring swimsuits.
Wings and Wheels
Madison Regional Airport
3919 LMS Lane, Madison
Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The inaugural Madison Wings and Wheels provides classic cars and aircraft. Check-in and car registration begins at 8 a.m.
Madison Regatta Balloon Glow
Riverboat Inn, 906 East First Street.
Saturday, June 14
The balloon glow starts at 6 p.m., with tethered rides, food trucks, and balloons going up and ends around 9 p.m. Parking is available on the south side of Vaughn Drive.
Gallery at the SPOT Opening Reception for Josh Bleecker
Madison Area Arts Alliance
326 Mulberry St., Madison
Friday, June 21, 5-8 p.m.
Come check out new show featuring the paintings of Josh Bleecker, and hear his thoughts on his work and process.
BLOOD DRIVE
Red Cross Blood Drive
Jefferson County Public Library
420 West Main St., Madison
Monday, June 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
To save time, donors may use RapidPass on June 16 to
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STUDENT NEWS

Students news involving area residents or graduates from local high schools.
• Donovan Liter, of Milton, Kentucky, completed requirements for a degree from Trine University in Angola, Indiana, at the end of the Spring 2025 term. Liter earned a degree in Doctor of Physical Therapy.
• Trenton Barnes, of Madison, Indiana, has graduated from Coe College, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Kinesiology.
• Emmaline Leatherman, of Madison, was named to the President's List for the Spring 2025 term at Trine University in Angola. Leatherman is majoring in Exercise Science-Pre Phys Therapy 3+3. To earn President's List honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000.
• Midway University, located in Midway, Kentucky, has announced students who have been named to its Dean's List for the 2025 Spring Semester and there are several from local communities. To be named to the list, a student must be classified full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 448 students who made the Those named to the Dean's List include Mariah Adair, of Ghent, Kentucky; Kaelynn Pugh, of Bedford,

Kentucky; and Kylie Smith, of Carrollton, Kentucky.
• The University of Southern Indiana, at Evansville, recently released it's Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester. Local students recognized include: Mya Nay, Deputy, Indiana; Abigail G. Thomas, Florence, Indiana; Carter T. Harmon and Chloe A. Kummer, Hanover, Indiana; Bryce O. Hatton, Lexington, Indiana; and Jaden P. Davidson, Lauren K. McKay, Storm D. Poling and Ashleigh R. Ream, Madison.
• University of Evansville named its Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester with Olivia Simpson of Madison honored. Recipients must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.
• Belmont University, located in Nashville, Tennessee, recently released its Dean's List for spring 2025 with Molly Armbricht, of Madison, and Lauren Haney, of Bedford, both honored. The honor is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.
• Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), based on Manchester, New Hampshire but with multiple satellite locations, has
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FUNERALS

Jerrell Rudolph Farley Jr., 69, of Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at his residence. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Graveside services were at Wednesday, June 4, at Bedford Cemetery in Bedford. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Michael D. Frazier, 76, of Campbellsburg, KY, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at his home. Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, with burial at New Castle Cemetery there, www.prewitts.com.
Robert "Bob" E. Gotts, 97, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Jan. 5,

2025, at his home in Madison. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Memorial service is at 11 a.m., Friday, June 6, at Hebron Baptist Church near Madison, with interment to follow in the Hebron Cemetery there. Military graveside services will be conducted by the U.S. Army and the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post 9

American Legion Honor Guard. A celebration of life will be held afterwards for family and friends at the Gotts home. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.
Jewell Henderson, 82, of Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at Bedford Springs Health

and Rehab Center in Bedford. A joint funeral with her husband, Noble "Bill" Henderson, who died Sunday, June 1, 2025, will be held at Bedford Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, with interment will follow in Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

18 graduate from 2025 Leadership Jefferson County program

BY BOB DEMAREE

Eighteen graduates of the 2025 Leadership Jefferson County program — the seventh graduating class for that program — were recognized Tuesday during a graduation luncheon.

“Now as we close this chapter I charge you to look to the future,” Rachel Sharpe, who will be the chair of the 2026 Jefferson County Leadership Jefferson County steering committee, told the graduates. “Leadership is not a title, it is a choice, a daily choice of integrity, to listen deeply to listen and lead with both courage and passion.

“You spent these months learning about Jefferson County but more importantly you’ve learned what role you can play in shaping a future,” Sharpe added. “So, step forward, share your voice, be bold, be collaborative and above all, stay connected to the people and places that have inspired you during this journey. On behalf of all of us who have watched you grow, thank you for your dedication, your curiosity and your passion for this community. Jefferson County is better because of each of you.”

Members of the Class of 2025 include Tiffany Biesen, nurse manager for Norton King’s Daughters’ Health; Sayra Hoskins, mortgage loan officer at German American Bank; Sarah Judy, human resources specialist at Arvin Sango Inc.; Merry Mattox, office manager and bookkeeper of the Madison Area Arts Alliance; Hannah McMahan, environmental specialist at Arvin Sango Inc.; Kennedy Napier, consumer banker at First Financial Bank; Emily Power, resources and referral specialist at River Valley Resources; Lyndsey Ritchie, marketing associate at Visit Madison Inc.; Kalyn Robison, assistant adminis-

trator of the Jefferson County Health Department; Bryan Shaw, building inspector of the City of Madison; Taylor Shaw, associated director of the Levett Career Center at Hanover College; Jacob Smith, sales coordinator at Historic Eagle Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn and Suites; Angel Snell, housing choice voucher specialist at Ohio Valley Opportunities; Chip Snyder, director of community relations at Hanover College; Angela Spurgeon, director of program management and compliance at Ohio Valley Opportunities; Kate Sutter, director of development at Ivy Tech Community College Madison; Hannah Taylor, human resources manager of Grote Industries; and Amana Thompson, program coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana.

During Tuesday’s program, Snell spoke about her experiences in the program. “It has been amazing and insightful for how it all works together, and the passionate people in the community,” she said. “We get caught up in our own lives of what we’re doing, and we forget all the amazing things that are happening us, and those things aren’t happening just by themselves. Amazing people are doing those things, so it’s been an honor to meet all those people who are really passionate.”

The Leadership Jefferson County is an action project that evolved from Envision Jefferson County housed at the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County. The course consisted of 10 bi-weekly sessions to give participants a better understanding of resources and relationships within Jefferson County. Topics covered in sessions included: Government Agencies and Organizations, Agriculture



Members of Class of 2025 Leadership Jefferson County are (from left): Front — Sayra Hoskins, Bryan Shaw, Hannah Taylor, Angel Snell and Kate Sutter; Second row — Angela Spurgeon, Amanda Thompson, Hannah McMahan and Sarah Judy; Third row — Emily Powers, Tiffany Biesen and Kalyn Robison; Back row — Jacob Smith, Merry Mattox, Kennedy Napier and Taylor Shaw. Not pictured are Lyndsey Ritchie and Chip Snyder.

and Natural Resources, Education, Community Health, Social Services, Business and Entrepreneurship, Industry and Economic Development, Tourism, History, and Nonprofits and Volunteerism.

Throughout the course, community members and topic experts were invited to speak and share their insights.

“We had very divers group of participants coming from many employment sectors and backgrounds,” said Bill Barnes, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County. “We appreciate their participation in the program and hope they will take what they’ve learned about our

county and continue to make a difference in the community.”

Marta Belt is the outgoing chair of the Leadership Jefferson County steering committee. Other committee members are Barnes, Sharpe, Dora Anim, Rob Barlow, Andrew Forrester, Margo Olson, Greg Schneider, Austin Sims, Jessica Spiess and Larry Truax.

Applications for the 2026 session of Leadership Jefferson County be available in the fall. For more information about Leadership Jefferson County, contact Barnes at 812-265-3327, email bill@cfmjc.org or visit the program’s webpage at www.cfmjc.org/ljc

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Michaelia Gilbert for her outstanding work on this case. Her dedication was instrumental in securing this conviction. I also want to commend Detective Mark Jenkins and Sergeant Adam Bullock with the Indiana State Police for their excellent investigative work. Their professionalism and commitment were critical to the success of this case and to keeping our community safe.”

Other convictions and sentences that have been obtained from arrests made during Operation Iceberg include:

Mark Lewis, 59, Madison, sentenced to 25 years at IDOC on convictions for Dealing in Cocaine and Dealing in Methamphetamine, both Level 2 felonies; and Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony.

Jonathan David Clark, 51, Hanover, sentenced to 12 years at IDOC with 2 years suspended on convictions for Conspiracy to Deal in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

Jeremy Webster, 40, Madison, sentenced to 10 years at IDOC on convictions for Conspiracy to Deal in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; and Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony.

Michelle Childress, 47, Hanover. Sentenced to 10 years at IDOC with 7 years suspended on convictions for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony; Conspiracy to Deal in Cocaine and Corrupt Business Influence, both Level 5 felonies; and Maintaining a Common

Nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Gregory Griffin, 59, Versailles, sentenced to 10 years at IDOC with 185 days executed and 3,465 days suspended on a conviction for Conspiracy to Deal in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony.

Mandy Demaree, 51, Vevay, sentenced to 9 years at IDOC with 6 years suspended on convictions for Dealing in Cocaine and Corrupt Business Influence, both Level 5 felonies.

Larry Howard II, 53, Madison, sentenced to 8 years at IDOC with 6 years suspended on convictions for Conspiracy to Deal in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony; and Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony.

Sean Cooksey, 57, Madison, sentenced to 7 years at IDOC with 3 years suspended on convictions for Conspiracy to Deal in Cocaine and Corrupt Business Influence, both Level 5 felonies.

Jeanie Lansberg, 55, Commiskey, sentenced to 6 years at IDOC with 5 years suspended on a conviction for Dealing Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony.

Jason Posey, 48, Madison, sentenced to 6 years at IDOC with 17 days executed and 2,173 days suspended on a conviction for Dealing Cocaine, a Level 5 felony.

Jennifer Phillips, 52, Madison, sentenced to 2 years at IDOC, all suspended, on a conviction for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony, and 2 days jail executed on a conviction for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

Thirteen defendants still have charges pending as a result of Operating Iceberg, including Richardson, 35, of Louisville, who remains incarcerated at Louisville Metropolitan Corrections on local charges there.

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departments coordinated their efforts using “training they’ve received all these years.”

The three officers were issued certificates by Scudder and Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint for their Acts of Bravery.

In other recognitions, Brian Spear of Spear Corporation, the Roachdale, Indiana, pool contractor the city hired for much of the work on the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, attended the meeting to present the city a plaque received in connection with that project.

The new pool, part of a \$10 million overall project to replace the city’s dilapidated Crystal Beach pool with a new

state of the art Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, was named United Aqua Group’s Gold Award Large Commercial project winner for 2025 — the first time Spear Corporation has taken home the top prize after several nominations.

Spear said the company worked on mechanical systems, pump and filtration systems, chemical operations and the slides and other water features. He noted the company has a long history of working with Madison and the award is “super special to me.”

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney thanked Spear for the company’s professionalism and efforts on the project and noted that Spear was personally on site recently as Crystal Beach Aquatic Park recovered from massive Ohio

River flooding in April in time to be ready for the summer season.

Parks Commission President Carla Krebs, who is also a member of city council, said Spear was not just a contractor on the pool project but “the contractor” during construction and during the city’s recent flood cleanup.

“We would not be open today as a pool if the company had not come down and walked us through the food mitigation,” said Krebs.

The council heard public comments from two citizens — Charles Ricketts and Deanna Shelley — concerning a proposal to rezone part of the riverfront and allow current green space to be developed.

Ricketts noted that Courtney had said that a public

information session would be held prior to a June 16 Madison Plan Commission meeting and the June 17 Madison City Council meeting to go into detail and answer questions about the proposed zoning change.

Courtney said Tuesday that the public information meeting will now not be held and instead city officials are responding to the numerous questions and concerns raised by residents at public meetings, letters and petitions and that information will be released by the end of this week on the city’s website.

“We’ve been listening to you, we’ve heard you loud and clear,” said Courtney. He noted that based on issues raised at prior meetings the scale of the zoning proposal has been changed including the maximum height for

buildings in the targeted development zone on Vaughn Drive, the size of the district — now from Jefferson Street to St. Michaels Avenue where some development already exists — and the uses of the developments.

“We’re addressing your concerns,” he said.

Shelley asked the council members how they would vote on the issue if it were before them. City Attorney Joe Jenner interjected that the council members should refrain from doing that at this point. “You’re asking them to take a vote on something that is not yet proposed,” said Jenner, noting that the time for the council to weigh in will be after the Plan Commission reviews the proposal and then sends it on to council with either a favorable or unfavorable recommendation.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a resolution transferring appropriations within the Park Department-Sunrise Golf Course NRO Fund for the 2025 budget and reducing budget appropriations and transfer funds to repay a temporary loan transfer made on behalf of Parks from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

The two transfers are part of the efforts to cover a \$575,000 shortfall in the Parks Department that money was borrowed from other city accounts to cover while being repaid in the same budget year.

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named its Spring 2025 President’s List for the term running from January to May. Local recipients include: Whitney Roberts,

Karrie Weaver and Katelin Law, all of Madison; Aaron Young, of Ghent; and Melissa Martin, of Carrollton.

- The Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland, located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, has announced its Presi-

dent’s List for the spring 2025 semester including: Shari Davis and Theresa Shaw, both of Carrollton; Nicole Smith and Treavor Smith, both of Milton; Russell Riley, Ashley Rice and Krystal Miller, all of Bedford; Erin Mahoney, of Ghent; Amber Wallace, of

Sanders, Kentucky; and Anne Rose of Vevay, Indiana.

University of the Cumberland also announced its Dean’s List for the Spring 2025 semester including: Ryan Long of Milton; Aleina Anderson, Maressa Carnes, Brittany

Rivers and Abigail Wilson, all of Carrollton; Kyla McVey, of Ghent; Tiffany Pennington, of Bedford; Grayson May and Brooklyn Proctor, both of Madison; and Jana McKinley, of Patriot, Indiana.

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complete pre-reading and donation questions online before arriving at the Library at redcross-blood.org/RapidPass and either print pass or save on a smartphone. Appointment times may be scheduled before arriving at the library by calling 800-733-2767, going to redcross-blood.org, or downloading the Blood Donor App.

REUNION

Gustav & Rosa Sommer Reunion
Nor-Rose Lodge, Madison
Sunday, June 22 — 12:30 p.m.
Bring a dish to share, personal silverware and drinks other than water or tea.
For more information, call 812-493-5062.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank
331 East Main St., Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry
100 East 2nd St., Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

North Madison Christian Church Food Pantry
1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, June 28 — 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church on

the fourth Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays).
Free with no qualifications.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet
Trinity United Methodist Church
412 W. Main St., Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Hanover Senior Citizens Center
Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Commu-

nity Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

P.T.C.C. Park Theatre
Civic Centre

25 N. Madison Ave., North Vernon, IN
812-346-0330

FACEBOOK

MOVIE

Karate Kid: Legends

HELD OVER

Rated PG - 13

Fri June 6 - 7 pm

Sat June 7 - 2 and 7 pm

Sun June 8 - 2 pm

Classic Movie

Matinee Tuesday

Field of Dreams

July 8 - 2 pm

Free Admission!

Free Snack Pack!

Presented by:

Dove Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home

Autumn Trace Senior Communities

Greg Hicks State Farm Insurance

Open To Ages 55+

Free Summer Movies

Wednesdays

June 4 thru July 23

10 am and 2 pm

Coming Soon

How To Train Your Dragon

Tickets on Sale

in the Box Office

POP CORN

To leave a message please call 812-346-0330

KYTC seeking input on study involving KY 36, US 421

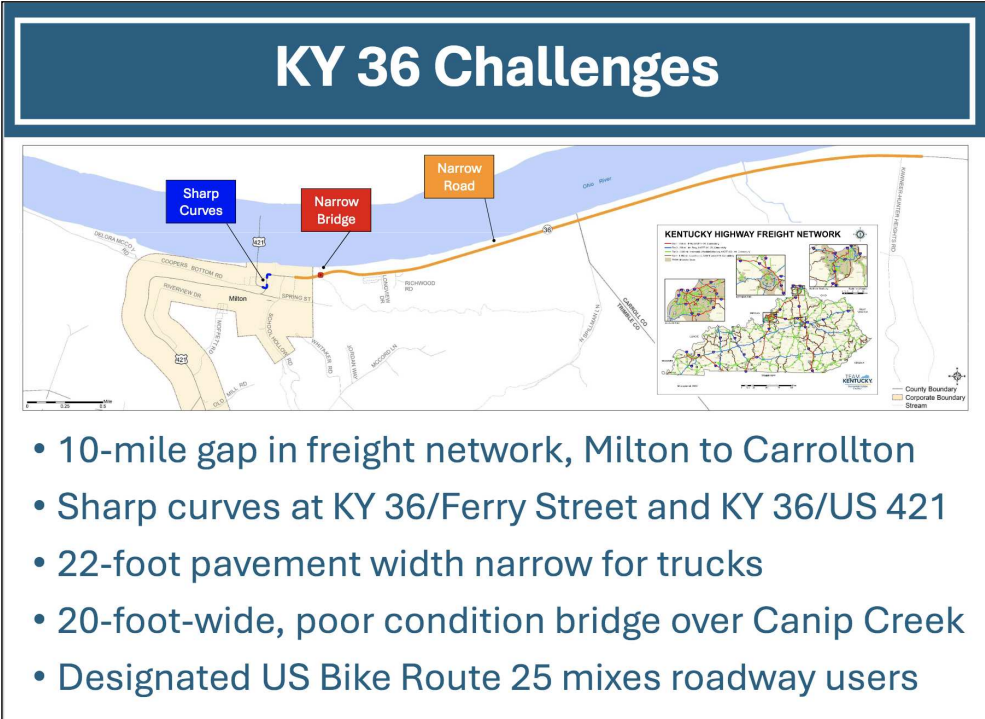
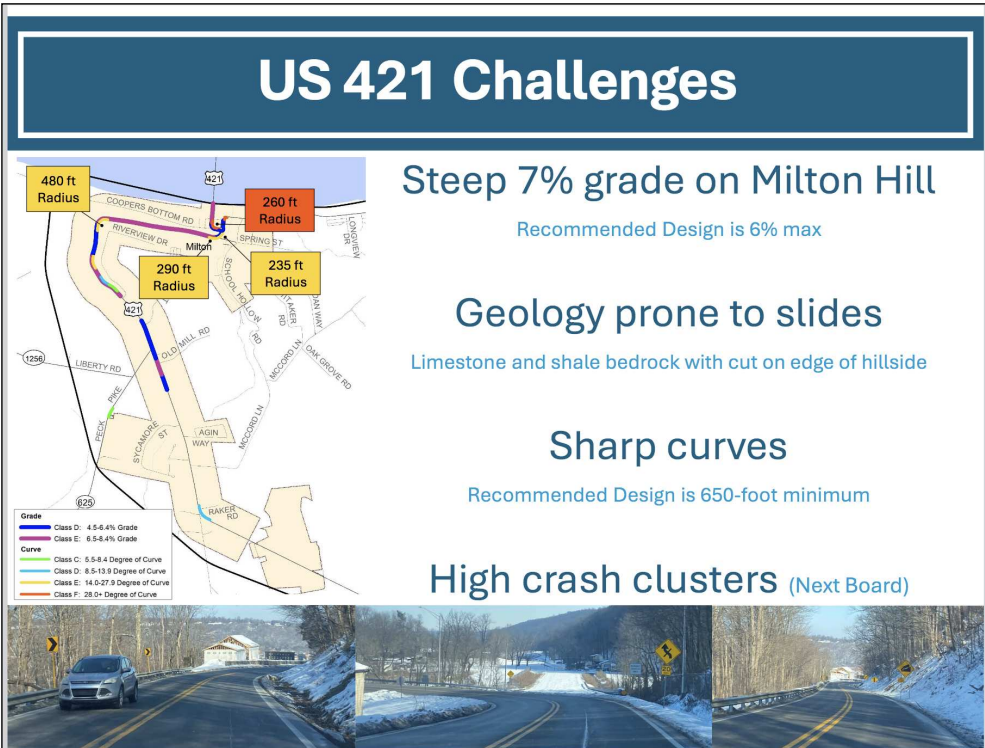
BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A group of Officials from Trimble County and Carroll County met with representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) on May 27 for a detailed discussion on a proposed planning study involving three areas affecting both counties as well as Indiana: The Milton-Madison Bridge Approach/Milton Hill, KY 36 Freight Mobility, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections.

The meeting was opened to the public to view several project boards detailing the various stages of the proposed study, statistics on the need for the project and the various timelines for project components.

With development of heavy industry in Carroll County, KY 36 has become a major route to the Milton-Madison Bridge for area industries and workers commuting to their jobs. Currently the road is not designated as an approved freight mobility road due to three factors — sharp curves, narrow pavement and a narrow bridge at Canip Creek on the outskirts of Milton east of town. As a result, heavy trucks are forced onto other routes to access the Ohio River bridge into Indiana.

Several proposals to redesign the bridge approach and study upgrades to the road have been conducted in the past including a basic planning study in 1995, a National Environmental Policy Act study in 2008, a bike/pedestrian study in 2012 and in 2015 there was an approach design study with no building in the plan. More recently, in 2023 a University of Kentucky capstone study



project of downtown Milton was completed and will be included in the current study. According to Kentucky

Transportation Cabinet team members, the new study currently being conducted is in the beginning stages to

define the scope of the potential project. In this phase the public is being presented with various

maps and statistics and several panels were displayed Tuesday to share that information. One panel shows the 7% grade at Milton Hill — one of the steepest in highway construction — areas where the hill is becoming prone to landslides, visualization of the sharp curves on the hill and potential alternatives to keeping US 421 in its current form.

Another board detailed the number and types of vehicular crashes that have taken place and where they occurred on the roadway, which extends for more than two miles into Carroll County on KY 36. From 2019 to 2023 there were 192 crashes — 120 on US 421 and 72 on KY 36.

There were two crashes involving fatalities — both by impaired drivers — plus 27 injury accidents. Twenty-one of the crashes involved trucks. Due to the narrow bridge at Canip Creek, there were 11 crashes with 64% of those being opposite direction sideswipes. At the sharp turn where KY 36 accesses the Milton Boat Ramp there were six crashes and another three at Tiber Creek. A color-coded legend shows exactly where and what type of accident took place on each highway.

As the study progresses, the team will be sensitive to several context areas such as historic resources, recreational spaces, churches, cemeteries, farmlands, wildlife habitats and utility infrastructure.

After the informational session at Milton City Hall, the panels were relocated to the Trimble County Public Library where they will remain through June 8 for public review and comment. Those who were unable to attend the public meeting are

encouraged to visit he library and examine the panels for a better understanding of the scope and focus of the project. They are also encouraged to take the survey on how individuals perceive the need or scope of the planning study.

Copies of the survey are located at the library and the survey can be found at transportation.ky.gov. On the homepage, find District 5 on the map, Trimble County in the list of counties and Milton Small Area Planning Study to view components of the study.

“We hope those who did not attend the meeting will take the time to look at the project panels at the Trimble County Public Library and take time to fill out the survey,” said Rebecca Thompson, project manager. “The project depends on public input.”

The study was also a topic of discussion at this week's Trimble County Fiscal Court meeting where county officials urged residents to visit the library or go online to review the proposal and offer comment.

Magistrate J.D. Jones noted the study involves anyone who travels that area of the county and not just residents of lower-Milton. Whether the study results in action, depends on the amount of input received.

Trimble Judge-Executive John Ogburn said road improvements in that area are long overdue and noted that multiple transportation routes in downtown Milton are vulnerable to flooding, mudslides and other incidents that can block roads and disrupt traffic and services.

“Something needs to be done, we were only six inches away from a bridge closure due to floods this spring,” Ogburn said.

\$50K grant to provide 50 trees for planting in Madison

BY BOB DEMAREE

Fifty trees will soon be planted in Madison, including 15 at Johnson Lake, Tree Board Chair Glen Schelte reported at Wednesday's Madison Parks Board meeting.

Schelte said the trees are a result of a \$50,000 grant the tree board received from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Schelte was at the Parks Board meeting to inform board members about the plans for Johnson Lake since that property falls under Parks

jurisdiction. Trees at Johnson Lake will include two yellowwood, two tulip poplar, two Kentucky Coffeetrees, two burr oak, two serviceberry, and one each of American elm, sycamore, northern red oak, willow oak and Shumard Oak.

Schelte said DNR requires planting trees that are native species to Indiana, with the exception of maple trees which he said DNR thinks are “over represented.” All of the trees will be two inches in diameter.

Other locations in the city where

trees will be planted include: West Third Street, the Georgetown area and Heritage Trail. Schelte is hopeful planting can begin in the next few weeks.

“I want to thank Glen and the tree board for their work on this last year,” said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. He said the funding was a “significant grant for the city. We're in the implementation phase now.” He said the grant will be accepted by the Redevelopment Commission at its meeting next week.

In other business:

• Parks Operations Director Tanya Burnette said in the first four days of Crystal Beach Aquatic Park being open that \$19,683.16 has been generated from admissions and concessions.

• Christian Hanson, the city's superintendent of grounds, said repair of hazardous bridges at Sunrise Golf Course will be handled in-house with assistance from the city's street department.

• Madison residents Lisa Ferguson and Jan Vetrhus asked the Parks Board to consider keeping

Crystal Beach Aquatic Park open for swimming past 6 p.m. so daytime workers can enjoy the pool.

Parks Board President Carla Krebs said adult classes and youth swim lessons are held in the evening from 6-8 p.m. which makes the pool too busy during that time for open swimming. “I've been there when all that night stuff is going on, and it would not be possible to open swim” while the other activities are happening in the pool, said Krebs, noting it “would be a safety nightmare.”

CCMH names Liter as new CEO

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County Memorial Hospital's (CCMH) Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Liter as Chief Executive Officer.

Liter most recently served as Interim CEO since March after joining the hospital in May 2023 as Director of Nursing. She has now been officially selected to lead the organization forward, bringing both professional expertise and a personal connection to the community she calls home.

A 1992 graduate of Carroll

County High School, Liter is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Garriott. Her return to CCMH represents

not only a professional milestone, but also a meaningful opportunity to give back to the hospital and community that helped shape her career.

“Jennifer grew up in Carroll County and has roots here today,” said CCMH Board President Dennis Raisor. “In her two years as the Director of Nursing, Dr. Liter has been instrumental in driving improved clinical outcomes, enhancing the patient experience and

minimizing staff turnover.”

As Director of Nursing, Liter has played a key role in strengthening operations, stabilizing the nursing workforce, and enhancing the quality of care across the hospital. Her leadership as Interim CEO further demonstrated her ability to lead with both vision and purpose. “Jennifer has the Board's full support as we look to the future of healthcare and how to best meet the community needs while continuing to grow service lines,” Raisor added.

Liter's connection to CCMH actually spans decades. She began her healthcare career at the hospital as a volunteer candy

striper at age 14 and later served as a Medical Assistant and LPN. Over the years, she advanced through clinical and administrative roles, ultimately gaining more than 31 years of experience in hospital operations, patient care, and leadership.

“This hospital is where my career began, and returning in this capacity is incredibly meaningful,” said Liter. “It's more than just a job — it's a chance to invest in the people and the place that invested in me. I look forward to working alongside patients, family's, our staff and providers as we continue to strengthen care, close to home.”

DOE: It will not garnish Social Security of student loan borrowers in default

BY CHEYANNE MUMPHREY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Borrowers who have defaulted on their federal student loans will no longer be at risk of having their Social Security benefits garnished, an Education Department spokesperson said Tuesday.

The government last month restarted collections for the millions of people in default on their loans. An estimated 452,000 people aged 62 and older had student loans in default, according to a January report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The department has not garnished any Social Security benefits since the post-pandemic resumption of collections and has paused “any future Social Security offsets,” department spokesperson Ellen Keast said.

“The Trump Administration is committed to protecting Social Security recipients who oftentimes rely on a fixed income,” Keast said.

Advocates encouraged the Trump administration to go further to provide relief for the roughly 5.3 million borrowers in default.

Hanover Parks has record 620 participating in summer leagues

BY BOB DEMAREE

The new season for Hanover Parks and Recreation Baseball and Softball is underway involving 620 youth on 57 teams.

“We have a ton of kids out here and a lot of smiling faces,” said Hanover Parks Director Scott Davidson at Tuesday's Hanover Parks Board meeting.

At the May Parks Board meeting, Davidson had stated the total registration for youth leagues was 614 but six more were added by opening day May 19 when retiring Southwestern Superintendent Jeff Bates threw out the ceremonial

first pitch.

Participation in the Hanover leagues has increased annually since Hanover made the decision to revitalize its parks program with the hiring of Davidson in November 2020. Previous participation totals were: 547 with 49 teams in 2024, 498 with 42 teams in 2023, 340 with 31 teams in 2022 and 300 with 31 teams in 2021.

Total sponsorship dollars for Hanover baseball and softball is \$22,000. Also, Josh and Beth Lichlyter have set up a fund with the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County that they gave \$500 to

help cover costs for those who cannot afford to pay and play, and also provide gloves and cleats.

In the intermediate league for 13-14 year olds, there are 36 participants — 27 for baseball and nine for softball. There are four women's softball teams — the third year for women's softball at Hanover Community Park

Davidson said 27 youths and seven adults are helping with scorekeeping, umpiring and monitoring fields. “With so many people here, we need to be sure we have someone monitoring all the time,” he said.

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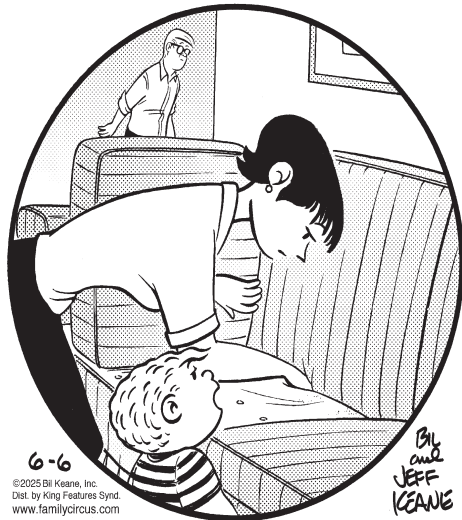
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By Bil Keane



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“Don’t worry, Mommy. If you don’t find the diamond by Christmas, Santa will get you another one.”

BIL KEANE
JEFF KEANE

DENNIS THE MENACE



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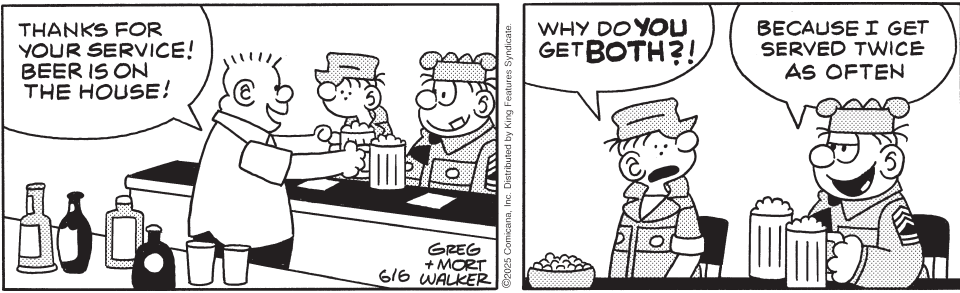
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THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE! BEER IS ON THE HOUSE!

WHY DO YOU GET BOTH?!

BECAUSE I GET SERVED TWICE AS OFTEN

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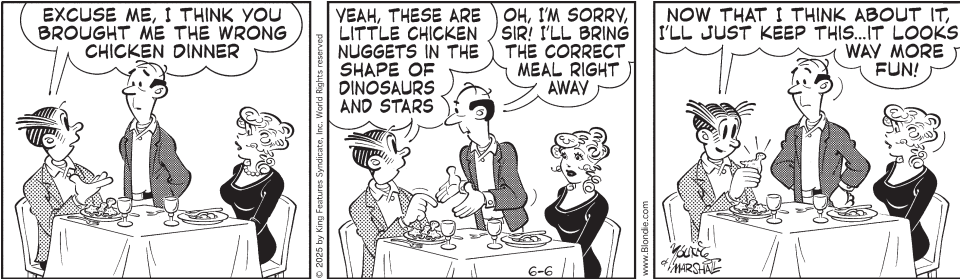
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YEAH, THESE ARE LITTLE CHICKEN NUGGETS IN THE SHAPE OF DINOSAURS AND STARS

OH, I'M SORRY, SIR! I'LL BRING THE CORRECT MEAL RIGHT AWAY

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'LL JUST KEEP THIS...IT LOOKS WAY MORE FUN!

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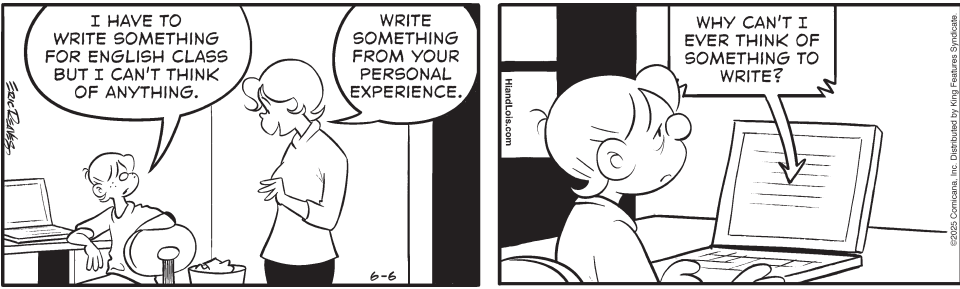
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AHHH, YEAH, OKAY, WHY DON'T YOU EAT THAT IN YOUR ROOM?

JUST HEARING THAT MADE ME GAIN THREE POUNDS

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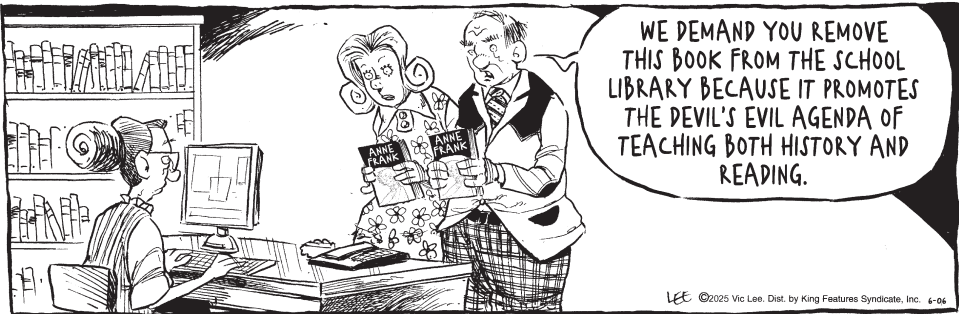
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WRITE SOMETHING FROM YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

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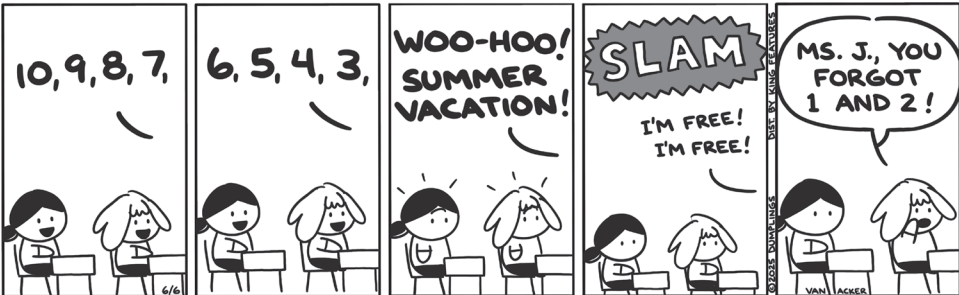
OH, OKAY...

...I PICK THIS ONE.

RECALCULATING JEALOUSY SCHEME...

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DUMPLINGS



10, 9, 8, 7,

6, 5, 4, 3,

WOO-HOO! SUMMER VACATION!

SLAM

I'M FREE! I'M FREE!

MS. J., YOU FORGOT 1 AND 2!

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY?

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SIX CHIX



HAVE A NEW PAIN?!

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HEADS: "I'M AFRAID... IT'S TERMINAL"

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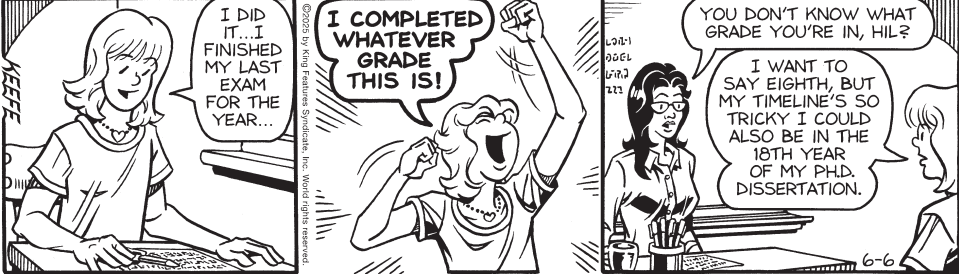
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'CUZ FER TH' FURST TIME ALL YEAR...

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SALLY FORTH



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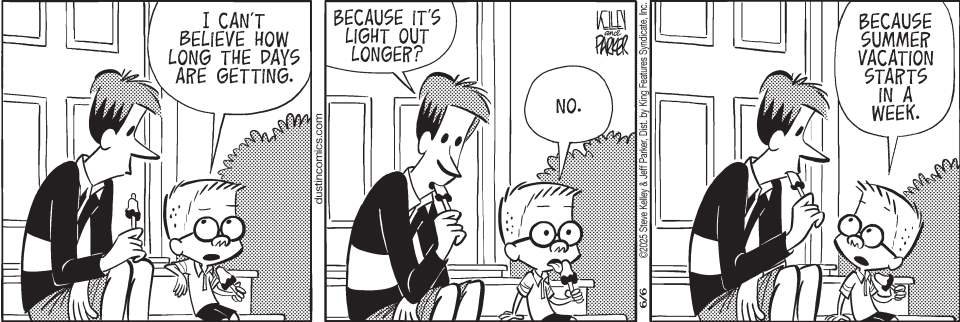
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YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT GRADE YOU'RE IN, HIL?

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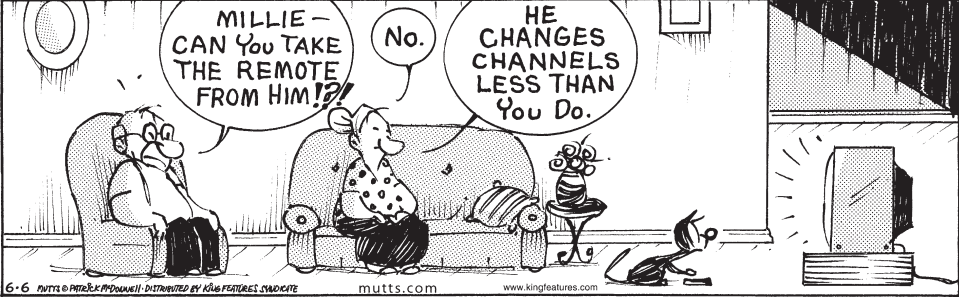
BECAUSE IT'S LIGHT OUT LONGER?

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BECAUSE SUMMER VACATION STARTS IN A WEEK.

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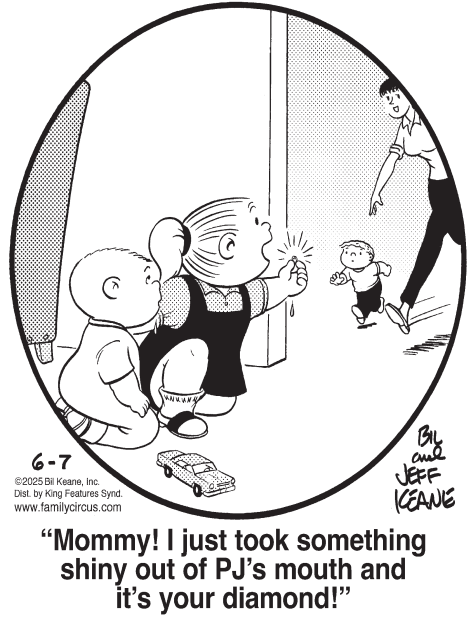
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



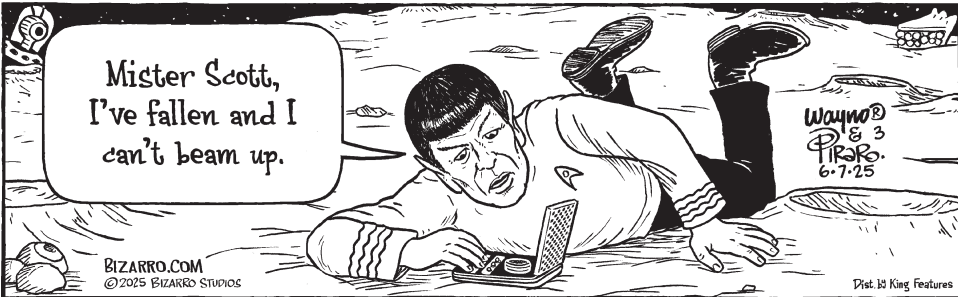
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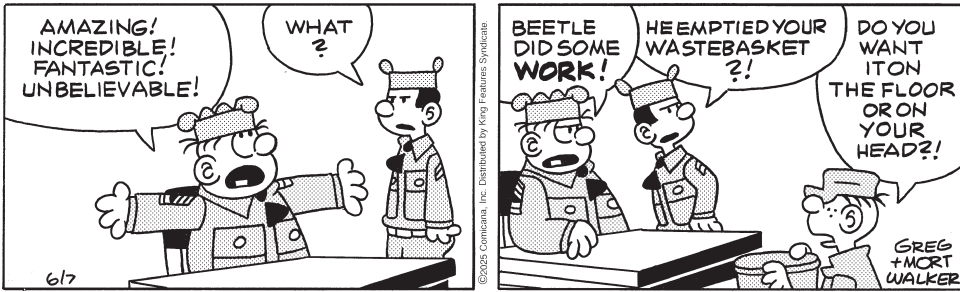
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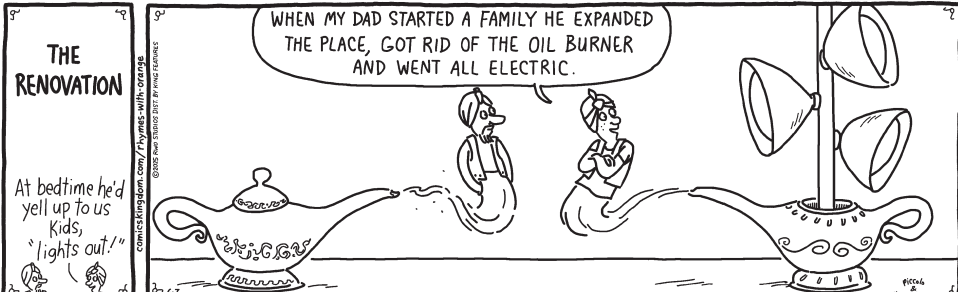
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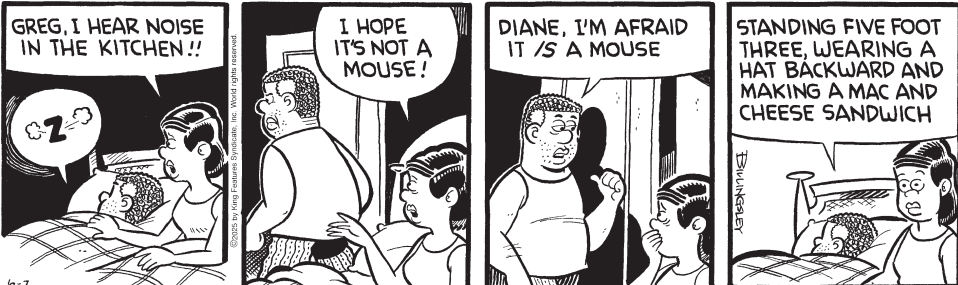
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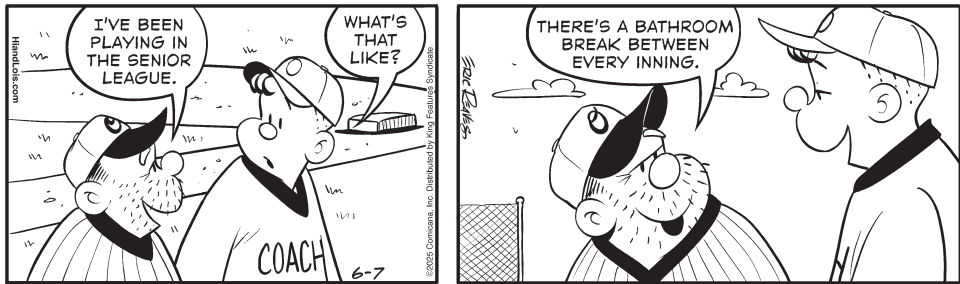
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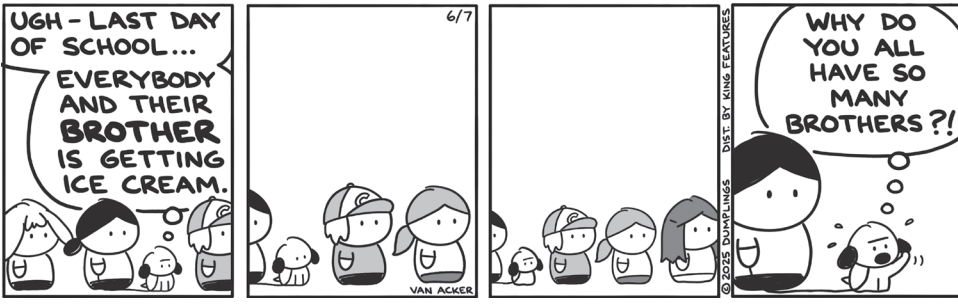
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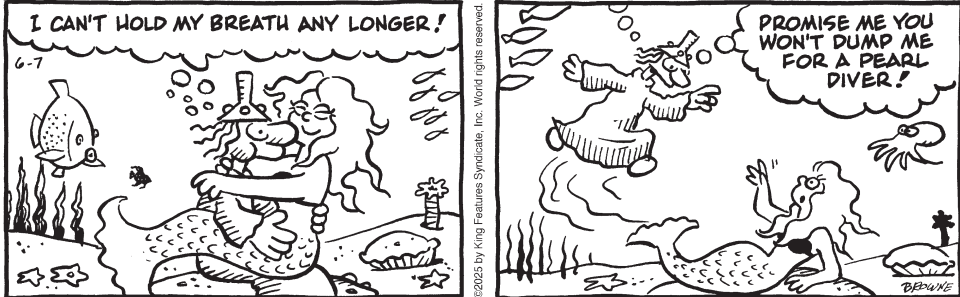
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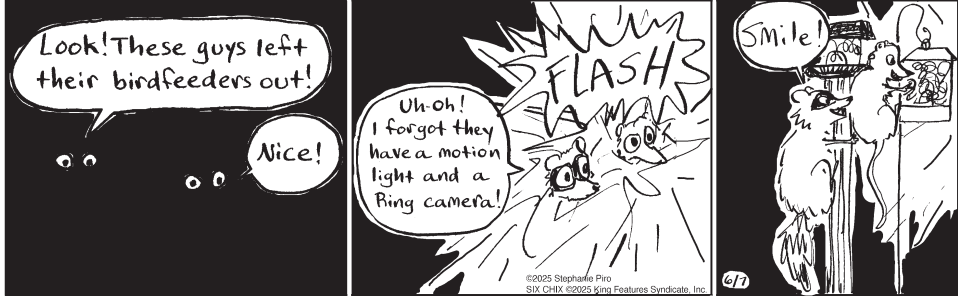
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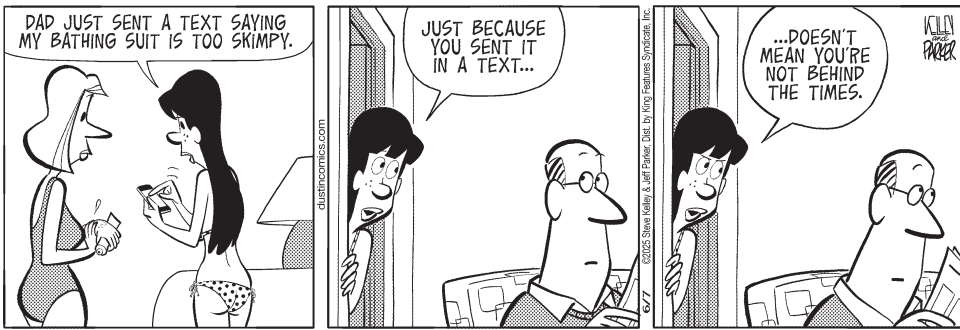
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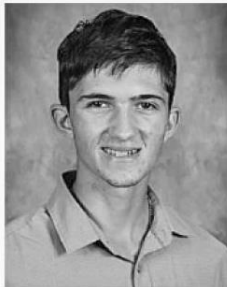
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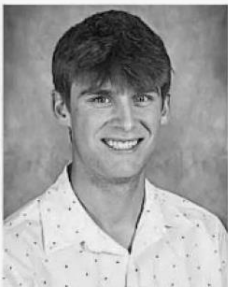


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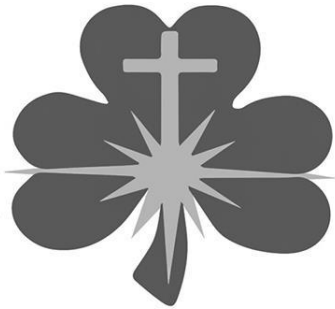
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In the BZA meeting that followed, the conditional use due to the change of ownership was considered with Simons questioning whether the initial 2021 conditional use permit could remain in effect if he withdrew the new application.

He indicted he was concerned that the new application would include conditions that he described as too “onerous” compared to the original guidelines. Simons initially moved forward with the new conditional use permit before eventually withdrawing the application when concerned by possible requirements to identify the campground’s cabins for emergencies.

Building Inspector Josh Cline stated the addresses for the cabins on the campground are on a private drive, and not directly on

State Road 62 which is the address for the campground. “In my personal opinion, it’s very confusing if you’re driving a fire truck or an ambulance ... looking for an Old State Road 62 address, but the cabins are all back away from the road and not actually on that road.” He said the matter could be addressed by naming the driveway, and numbering each cabin.

BZA President David Ferguson agreed, “Some way we have to identify it. If we have a medical emergency and you call 911, somehow when they pull in that driveway, they need to know where to go ... We need to be able to identify that clearly.”

Simons, apparently troubled by what was being suggested, responded to Ferguson’s comments with a request to “withdraw my application right now ... I want to withdraw my application. I’m done.”

His comments on withdrawing the application went

beyond disagreeing in the manner for identifying the cabins, but also his costs for installing a well to provide water for the campground due to a disagreement with the Rykers Ridge Water Company for which there is a court case pending. Because the water well is being installed, Simons said, “We’re not going to need Rykers Ridge water.”

Early in the meeting, Cory Houchens, superintendent of the Rykers Ridge Water Company, said Simons has been in violation with the water company on its rules and bylaws since September 2021, and continues to be in violation. “He hasn’t complied with what we asked him to do,” he said, noting all other Rykers Ridge customers are following regulations.

John Muessel, who owns land adjacent to the campground, filed the petition to revoke the 2021 conditional use permit along with his wife, Sally, and Jeff and Ruby

Ayler. Muessel said the petition was filed due to several conditions placed on the original approval that have not been fulfilled by Simons after 3-1/2 years. “They are still not fulfilled ... The county gave him a chance to run his campground under certain rules and conditions, and he hasn’t really done it,” Muessel said.

Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black said an agreement on fire protection was signed May 5 by Simons with Madison Township and Rykers Ridge fire companies. Some of the requirements in the agreement include Simons providing pumps to pull water from ponds (there is no fire hydrant at the property) and providing a 150-foot wide driveway and adding six feet to a turnaround to provide space for fire trucks.

Black said the best situation would be installing a fire hydrant. “We’re talking seconds to hook to a hydrant ... With the pump, it’s going

to take five minutes or so to get it going.”

Auxier said an issue the Plan Commission faced in addressing the petition to revoke the conditional use permit is that some of the conditions that the BZA intended to be placed on the campground in 2021 were not officially put into writing in the minutes. For example, he noted that adjacent land owners were concerned visitors from the campground might wander onto their properties, so BZA members had asked Simons to work with his neighbors to place signage on property borders. However, that never occurred and it was not adequately put into writing as one of the conditions for approval.

“I am very disappointed to learn the original meeting did not record everything that happened,” said Muessel. “You excluded lots of things that were said. I was at that meeting. There was a lot more said.”

Ferguson, the only current

BZA member who was serving on the board in 2021, said the intent of the members was “they really wanted those approvals from the local water, the fire, the state” and the Department of Natural Resources. “Unfortunately the BZA did not get those clear enough,” noting it referred to state and local ordinances which wasn’t specific enough.

“We should have been more clear about that. The BZA did fall short on conditions. We didn’t get detailed enough,” Ferguson said. “The trespassing was a really big issue during that hearing. The neighbors were really concerned” about off-road vehicles going onto adjacent properties.

“We talked about things at the board meeting, and we assume everybody is on the same page, and we didn’t get it all detailed in the conditions, which we have learned that will not happen again,” he added.

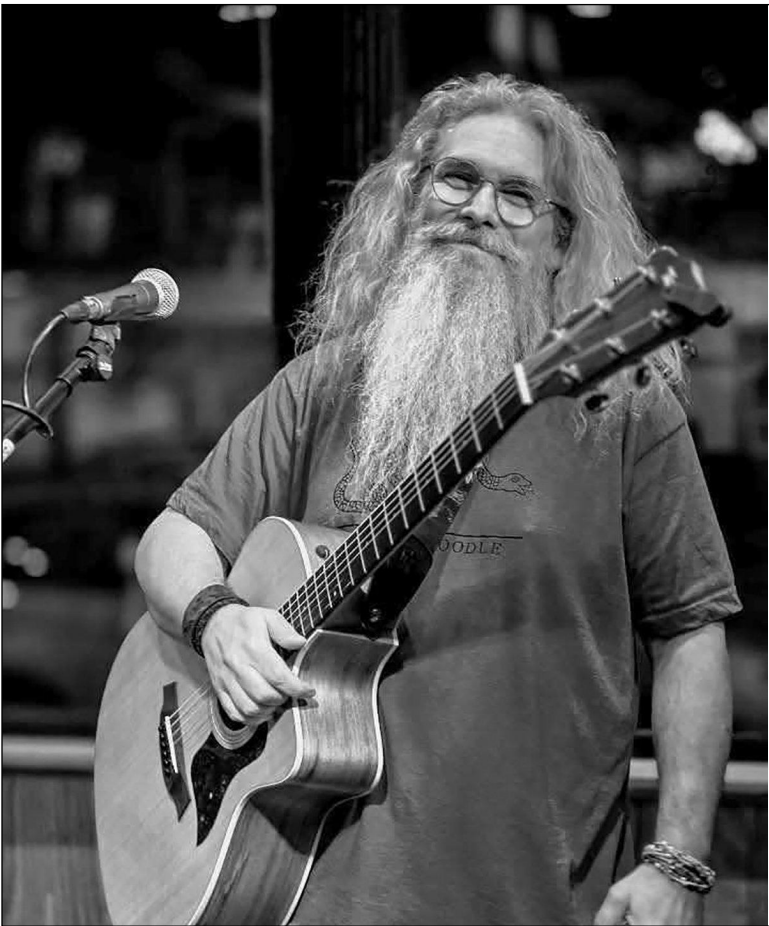
BUTTERS

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went really well. One gig led to another, word got around, and I’m a full-time musician these days.

“In addition to the live music gigs, I’ve been getting into creating YouTube content, and that is really starting to show promise. Just 90 days ago I had 360 subscribers, and now I’m up over 900. And my ‘watch hours’ on YouTube have hit 3,400 in the last 3 months. People are really responding to my music, and I take the time to answer comments and make a connection with every subscriber. I have high hopes the YouTube angle will keep growing and turn into a legitimate revenue stream.

“In some ways my career has come full circle, as far as original music versus cover songs. When I first started out we were writing all our own stuff and trying to make a name for ourselves. But then later on playing bar gigs, you learn people want to hear more of the popular cover stuff. And now, with the YouTube content and playing in Madison, which has a great culture of live origi-



Handout

MUSICIAN SCOTTY BUTTERS

nal music, I’m back putting more emphasis on my own tunes. It’s very gratifying. I encourage everyone in Madison to come down to The Drake on Saturday and we’ll

have a wonderful night of music and delicious pizza!”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

The Open Mic nights on Wednesdays at First Street

Saloon are fast becoming a hot spot among the music cognoscenti in Madison. It’s being led by a very talented blues guitarist and singer named Jake, from Scottsburg I believe. And some of Madison’s very best musicians have been showing up and creating some real magic. And best of all, if the weather is nice, it’s happening on the cozy back patio in the open air! Keep in mind, there’s another open mic at Timeless Live that starts a little earlier on Wednesday, and a “Pickers Circle” at Mad-Paddle on Thursday. So there is plenty of opportunity for anyone who wants to get on stage and showcase their talents. Speaking of Mad Paddle, they were closed last weekend with some smoke damage from a next door fire, but they are all cleaned up and back in business, which is great to hear. The calendar is full, as always, and all you have to do is get out there and let the music happen. It’s impossible to NOT have fun in Indiana’s Music City!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE Friday, June 6

DJ Nate
Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)
Broadway Fountain — Tim Brickley (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — The Smokin Jokers (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall — Hop Sessions ft. Sundry Best
Timeless LIVE! — The Stella Vees (8 p.m.)
Tailgators — Lick Skillet (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Madison Lighthouse — (8-11 p.m.)
American Legion — L&L Karaoke (8 p.m.-Midnight)
The Central – Killin Smalls (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)

Saturday, June 7

1st Street Saloon — L&L Karaoke
Riverboat Inn — Jordan Wilson
Madison Lighthouse — TBA (7-11 p.m.)
Madison Farmers Market — Keagan Hatton (10 a.m.-Noon)
Tailgators — Deadeye Drifters (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
The Drake — Scotty Butters (7-10 p.m.)

Sunday, June 8

Rivertown Grill — Darryl Hewitt (8-11 p.m.)

Sports



David Campbell

Tournament MVP Zayne Smith (19) holds up the sectional trophy while celebrating with his teammates after Switzerland County beat Austin 19-1 in the championship game on Monday.

Switzerland hammers Austin 19-1 for 1st sectional title since 2018

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

In a sectional championship game, runs can be a premium so Switzerland County coach Mike Turner hedged his bets early by having the Pacers play small ball and manufacture some runs. As it turned out, he need not have bothered.

Switzerland County put on an offensive clinic, collecting 18 hits and rolling to a lopsided 19-1 win over Austin in the championship game of the Class 2A Baseball Sectional in Vevay on Monday.

The onslaught was as staggering as it was surprising. The Pacers spotted Austin an early 1-0 lead and then pounded four Eagle pitchers relentlessly as they rolled to their first sectional championship since 2018 and fifth in school history.

"I like to have some runs but I was not expecting 19," said Switzerland pitcher Zayne Smith, who was also voted the tournament's most valuable player. "It was great."

Austin (8-16) is in an unusual down season but the Eagles still had enough resolve to upset Brownstown 4-3 in the sectional semifinals on Thursday. But Austin was forced to use its No. 1 pitcher in that win and paid for it come championship game time.

Austin actually led early after Tracer LeMaster started the bottom of the first inning off with a double and eventually came around to score. But that proved to be the Eagles' lone highlight.

There were signs of the blowout early. Switzerland put runners on second and third with one out in the top of the first but failed to score, so when the Pacers got



David Campbell

Switzerland County's Kemper Kitts (23) leaps over the tag of Austin catcher Tracen Roush during the Pacers' 19-1 blowout win in the sectional championship game on Monday in Vevay.

another opportunity in the second inning, Turner wasn't taking any chances.

Switzerland (14-12) got its first two runners on in the second via a hit batter and a walk. The third batter, Kemper Kitts, laid down a bunt and reached on an error to load the bases. A subsequent bunt failed to push across a run, but Roman Hite then beat out a bunt of his own to score a run and tie the game.

The three straight bunts seemed to open the floodgates. Switzerland ended up scoring four runs in the inning to push ahead 4-1 and then added six more in the third, eight in the fourth and a solo run in the fifth to turn the game into a rout.

"It was all about small ball today. We put it in play," Turner said. "The whole team did a great job. They did what they were told, and they have done everything I asked

the whole year. It all came down to this and it all came together at the right time."

Switzerland had 18 hits in the game but only two were for extra bases as the Pacers nickel and dined the Eagles with great effect. Cooper Todd was 4-for-4 with two RBIs and three runs scored, Hite was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs, Braxton Eaglin was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and a run, Jackson Sparks was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and three runs, Cameron Byrd was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs, Smith was 2-for-4 with three RBIs, Peyton Turner had a hit and an RBI and Kitts had a hit and scored three runs.

The beneficiary of all of those runs was Smith. The Pacer ace had tossed a three-hit shutout to beat South Ripley 1-0 in the semifinals on Thursday, but he didn't

need to work nearly as hard on Monday.

"We're just determined to win. This is our final year, we've got seven seniors, and we don't want it to end," Smith said. "Heart, that's all it is. We needed to win. We had injuries all year, so I kind of had to step up, and they kind of just relied on me going all seven. That's what I did."

Smith struck out nine and walked one while allowing just two hits over the five innings. In the two games in the sectional, Smith pitched a total of 12 innings and allowed just one run on five hits while striking out 17 and walking three.

Switzerland County now faces defending state champion Providence (14-7) in the regional on Saturday at 11 a.m. That game will be played at Floyd Central.

H1 Unlimited set to kick off 2025 this weekend in Alabama

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

To the untrained eye, this year's H1 Unlimited race season will look a lot like last year's. But if you look more closely, there are several significant changes.

The most obvious change comes at the top where Andrew Tate will attempt to defend his National High Points Championship aboard the U-91 Goodman Real Estate, the same boat he drove last year for the same sponsor. However, that boat is no longer owned and campaigned by Miss Madison Racing after the team was sold to Seattle's Bruce Ratchford over the winter. Ratchford also purchased the U-27 Apollo Mechanical from Charley Wiggins and will campaign both boats, with the same driver from a year ago, Dave Villwock.

Those changes promise to shake up the H1 season, which will kick off this weekend with the Lake Guntersville Hydrofest in northern Alabama.

Tate's Goodman Real Estate is the likely favorite to repeat with Corey Peabody a close second. Peabody won the Guntersville race in 2022 and 2023 aboard the U-9 Beacon Plumbing.

As for Miss Madison Racing, the team will be in Guntersville sporting the city's name in retro-looking large yellow letters on a white hull. But the boat the will be a rental, leased from Dave Bartush of Detroit, and driver Brandon Kennedy is a rookie who will be making his H1 debut.

A new leadership group was installed at Miss Madison after team president Charlie Grooms was fired by Madison Mayor Bob Courtney in February. New team president Kyle Bipes, who also oversees the Madison Regatta, set about finding a boat for this season and settled on the former Miss Budweiser T-3 hull, which is owned by Bartush. However, the boat has not competed in a race since 2012 when it ran as the Degree Men and the team has been scrambling to get the boat ready.

"This is a rebuild year. Obviously, it's all rented equipment. It's not ours. We've got some good propellers, things like that, but we don't have the high budget like some of the other teams," Kennedy said. "It's really about

getting our feet back in there, getting the community involved. Sponsorship will come with everything we're trying to do social media-wise, and we'll keep growing. We'll make it better for every year to come. And whether we buy this boat after the year's up, or buy another one, we'll figure that out as time comes."



BRANDON KENNEDY

Bipes said the team does have an option to buy the boat but plans on looking at all options over the offseason. In the meantime, the plan is to run at least the Guntersville and Madison races this year, but Bipes has not ruled out a trip to the western races.

While it is unlikely that the Miss Madison team will successfully defend its Southern Cup championship, Tate is in a good position to repeat as winner. Crew Chief Mike Hanson came over to the Ratchford team from Miss Madison Racing and much of the crew remains intact.

Peabody's teammate, veteran J. Michael Kelly, should also be a factor aboard the U-8 Beacon Electric. Jamie Nilsen, driving the U-11 FlavorPac, rounds out the H1 field.

In addition to the turbine-powered H1 boats, the Grand Prix series will also be on hand for the first leg of a three-race Grand Prix challenge that includes Madison and Valleyfield, Quebec.

Testing and qualifying for the Hydrofest will be held on Friday with racing set for Saturday and Sunday. All action can be streamed live on the H1 YouTube channel or heard locally on 96.7 WORX Radio.

MISS MADISON ADDS SPONSOR

Miss Madison Racing announced on Tuesday that Goodman Real Estate is returning to the team as an associate sponsor for the Guntersville and Madison races.

Goodman sponsored a Miss Madison boat from 2021 through 2024, winning the National High Points Championship a year ago with Andrew Tate driving. The team sold its equipment to Bruce Ratchford, of Seattle, over the winter and Goodman Real Estate will remain as the title sponsor of that boat with Tate driving. The new deal with Miss Madison involve a smaller supporting role.

GUNTERSVILLE SCHEDULE

LAKE GUNTERSVILLE HYDROFEST

Southern Cup
H1 Weekend Schedule
Friday, June 6
10 a.m.-noon — Testing
2-3:30 p.m. — Qualifying
Saturday, June 7

8-9 a.m. — Testing
11 a.m. — Heat 1
3 p.m. — Heat 2
Sunday, June 8
8:30 a.m. — Heat 3
11 a.m. — Heat 4
2 p.m. — Heat 5
4:30 p.m. — Southern Cup Championship

Knicks shed stability of Thibodeau era by seeking a new coach after they had gotten good

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Tom Thibodeau's firing brought back some of the confusion and chaos the New York Knicks had seemingly left behind.

After an era of stability and more success than they had enjoyed in a quarter of a century, the Knicks opened a coaching search few could have predicted when they fired Thibodeau on Tuesday.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was one of those fake AI things. No way. There's no way possible," Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said.

Coaching searches weren't unusual in New York for much of the 2000s, but the Knicks weren't winning then. This time, they had just reached the Eastern Conference finals for the first time in 25 years before losing to Carlisle's

team, and were an early favorite to do it again next year. So changing course brought swift and strong reaction from a fan base that seemed satisfied.

Who decided Thibodeau had to go? And why?

"That seemed like an unfortunate call that the boss made, certainly for him," tennis Hall of Famer John McEnroe, a Knicks fan, said while calling the French Open quarterfinals for TNT.

But which boss?

Direct answers may not come. Knicks leadership, from owner James Dolan to team president Leon Rose, doesn't do interviews with the reporters who cover the team. So the only hint may have come in the team's statement announcing the firing, in which Rose said the organization was "singularly focused on winning a championship for our fans."

That means the view was that Thi-

bodeau was good enough to get the Knicks close but not all the way.

Rose was friends with Thibodeau long before hiring him in 2020 and giving him a three-year contract extension last summer. So immediate speculation was that Dolan, who at times has been viewed as meddlesome and unpopular with his team's fans, must have ordered the ouster. But a person with knowledge of the decision, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details were to remain private, said Rose made the call with Dolan's approval.

Rose conducted a thorough search five years ago, even though Thibodeau had been viewed as a favorite because of his relationship both to Rose and the organization as an assistant to Jeff Van Gundy in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

True medalist as Madison runner-up at own invite

Sectional
tourney
Monday at
Sunrise

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison senior Landon True warmed up for next week's boys golf sectional with a pair of impressive medalist performances for the Cubs earlier this week.

On Tuesday, True shot a two-under 71 to win the long-delayed Madison Invitational by four strokes. On Wednesday, True struggled a bit but his 76 was good enough to win a dual match with Jennings County. Both matches were played at Sunrise Golf Course.

Madison finished second in the Invitational, four strokes back of Brownstown with a 320. But the Cubs may very well have won the title if not for No. 2 player Braxton Bray having to withdraw with an injury.

Owen Murphy ended up

finishing second for the Madison "Red" team with a 79, Landon Lytle carded an 84 and Collin McKay fired an 86.

Madison's "White" team placed 14th with a 414. Joey Breeck and Noah Ashby each had 95s for the Cubs, Jack Kernen shot a 109 and Gabe Pattison had a 115.

Southwestern's "Blue" team placed eighth out of 15 teams with a 330. Wyatt Barker carded a 77, Braxton Lewis a 78, Max Joseph an 84, Braden Helton a 91 and Wayde Barker a 97.

Southwestern's "Red" team was 10th overall with a 352. Talon Wynn led the way with an 83, Michael Sommer had an 88, Blake Boley an 89, Adam Boley a 92 and Ben Owens a 111.

"I am very proud of how all of our guys played today. We had bad breaks and lip outs, but we continued to fight," Southwestern coach Matt Johnson said. "When the good breaks came, we rode the positivity well to finish strong. We have a resilient team that continues to fight no matter the score. I feel very

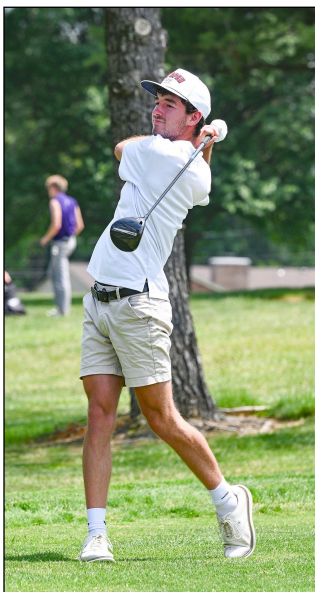


Madison H.S. Athletics

Madison senior golfer Landon True shot a 2-under 71 to win the Madison Invitational on Tuesday at Sunrise Golf Course.

good about how hard this team has worked to prepare for sectionals."

Switzerland County was 11th overall with a 354. Ezra Dayadharum led the Pacers with an 80, Cam Craig shot an 88, Corbin Craig and Casyn Peters each carded 93s and



David Campbell

Southwestern's Wyatt Barker watches his tee-shot on No. 18 during the Madison Invitational on Tuesday. Barker shot a 77 to lead the Rebels.

Leo Oatman had a 97.

Shawe did not field a complete team but Orin Elkins shot a 114 for the Hilltoppers and A.J. Shelton had a 124.

Jennings County placed third in the event with a 325, Floyd Central was fourth with



David Campbell

Switzerland County's Ezra Dayadharum watches his approach shot on No. 18 at the Madison Invitational on Tuesday. Dayadharum shot an 80 to lead the Pacers.

a 327 and Charlestown was fifth with a 328.

Madison shot a 338 in the dual match with Jennings County on Wednesday. Along with True, McKay had an 86, Lytle and Murphy each had 88s and Breeck had a 96.

Southwestern closed out the regular season with a home match against Switzerland



David Campbell

Southwestern's Braxton Lewis chips onto No. 17 during the Madison Invitational on Tuesday. Lewis shot a 78, the third-lowest by a local golfer.

County and Lawrenceburg on Thursday and Shawe hosted Henryville and Borden on Thursday.

All four local teams will be in action Monday for the IHSAA Sectional at Sunrise Golf Course. Play begins at 11 a.m.

Reds place ace Greene on 15-day IL

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds placed ace pitcher Hunter Greene on the 15-day injured list on Wednesday with a right groin strain and signed veteran left-hander Wade Miley to a one-year contract.

Miley, 38, who had Tommy John surgery on his left elbow in May 2024, gets a \$2.5 million salary while in the major leagues and \$300,000 while in the minors. He would earn a \$15,000 performance bonus for each inning pitched from one through 100.

He signed a minor league contract with the Reds on Feb. 4 that included an opt-out clause if he didn't reach the big leagues by June 1. The 14-year veteran executed that clause on Sunday but remained in Cincinnati while he pursued potential deals with other clubs, and he stayed in touch with the Reds.

"I was able to spend some time with the family, just being a dad, going to Little League games," Miley said. "I'm appreciative of the Reds organization and the way they handled it. We always stayed in contact. I feel healthy. I'm really excited to be back. I'm ready to go to work."



Butch Dill/AP photo

Cincinnati Reds' Hunter Greene has been placed on the 15-day injured list with a right groin strain.

Miley is the third left-hander in the Reds rotation, joining Nick Lodolo and Andrew Abbott. He made 34 appearances including 32 starts for the Reds in 2020-21, going 12-10 with a 3.55 ERA. He tossed the 17th no-hitter in Reds franchise history, and his

first, on May 7, 2021, at Cleveland.

Miley has posted 108 victories for eight different teams in his 14 seasons. Manager Terry Francona said Miley's veteran presence is a welcome addition for the Reds' young rotation.

"He and (Reds president of

baseball operations) Nick (Krall) talked multiple times," Francona said. "I know how much he appreciated Nick's honesty. We were going to have him in the bullpen and then knowing at some point we would probably need him. Well, it happened a little

quicker."

Francona said Miley will be available out of the bullpen for Wednesday's series finale against the Brewers. If he's not used, he'll pitch the first game of the upcoming Cleveland series, then move into the rotation.

"He was in full (uniform) early this morning," Francona said. "It's really welcome. We've been waiting for him. He's a bright light. He brings a lot. His ability to compete, he won't shortchange you."

It was another setback for Greene who made three starts since a 15-day stint on the injured list last month due to a groin strain he sustained May 7 during a start in Atlanta.

In Tuesday night's 4-2 win over the Brewers, Green threw 85 pitches before leaving the game after five innings when he felt discomfort in his groin. An MRI was scheduled for Wednesday morning, but Francona said there was no need to wait for the results.

"We talked to him, we talked to trainers, it was kind of an easy decision even without seeing the MRI," Francona said. "We've got to get him healthy."

Greene — who made his first All-Star appearance last season — is 4-3 with a 2.72 ERA in 11 starts this year.

Brewers win 12th consecutive series over Reds

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Isaac Collins belted a three-run homer, and Jackson Chourio and Daz Cameron each hit two-run shots as the Milwaukee Brewers won their 12th consecutive series against the Cincinnati Reds with a 9-1 victory on Wednesday.

Reds starter Andrew Abbott (5-1) posted a 0.55 ERA in May, but the Brewers handed him his first loss of the season.

Abbott retired the first eight batters before Brice Turang doubled and scored on Andruw Monasterio's single to put the Brewers ahead 1-0 in the third.

Chourio's two-out, two-run homer off Abbott in the fifth

made the score 3-0. It was Chourio's 10th homer this season.

Cameron's two-run home run in the sixth was his first homer since July 30, 2024, at San Francisco. The five runs allowed by Abbott were a season-high. His previous high was four on April 25.

Collins' three-run blast,

his second of the season, came off Wade Miley in the ninth. Miley, making his first appearance since signing a one-year deal with the Reds earlier in the day, allowed four earned runs in two innings.

DL Hall opened for the Brewers and allowed one hit in three innings. Quinn Priester (3-2) allowed one run in five

innings and earned the victory for Milwaukee.

KEY MOMENT

The Reds had the bases loaded with one out in the third, but didn't score. Hall got Santiago Espinal to line out to second and Elly De La Cruz to ground out to third to end the threat.

KEY STAT

Milwaukee is 42-16 (.724) against the Reds in the last 58 games with 12 consecutive series wins.

UP NEXT

Reds LHP Nick Lodolo (4-4, 3.10) will start Friday's series opener against the Diamondbacks.

LOCAL LEAGUES

MONDAY, JUNE 2

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

Boys Coach Pitch

Pride Family Market Cardinals 11, Ace Excavating Braves 1 — Asher Abbott scored 4 runs for the Cardinals.

Bear's Furniture Gallery Marlins 16, Lytle Welty Funeral Home Yankees 3 — Owen Brawner, Macklin Jones, Cole McQueary and Lincoln Wimpsee all scored 3 runs for the Marlins.

Girls Kid Pitch

Crafton Brothers Properties, Lady Gators 23, Sedam Contracting Dolphins 11 — Tally Crafton, Addison Schafer, Addysn Liter and Adley Ashcraft all scored 4 runs for the Lady Gators. Amilia Garcia and Braylinn Curry both scored 2 runs for the Dolphins.

Skeleton Crew Tangy Tangerines 20, Jendys Pizzeria Batties 4 — Raelynn Kramer scored 4runs for the Tangy Tangerines. Payton Shepherd scored 2 runs for the Batties.

Boys Kid Pitch

Yarling Concrete Orioles 7, Pennilane Antiques Cardinals 0

Madison Orthodontics Cubs 3, Hilex Poly Pirates 0

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

Intro To Teeball

Barger Property Management Stripers, Wright Implement Titans 3 — Lawson Barger, Terrington Brooks and Audrey Deaton all scored 2 runs for the Stripers.

Clark Farms Sluggers 4, Sparkman Pallet & Lumber Panthers 3 — Nicholas Tisone scored 2 runs for the Sluggers; Madelyn Sparkman scored 2 runs for the Panthers.

Royer Corporation Tiny T-Rexes 14, Aaron's Auto Detailing Pint Size Pros 6 — Baker Kring and Camilla Kring both scored 3 runs for the Tiny T-Rexes

Girls Coach Pitch

IKEC Diamond Divas 16, Arvin

Sango Pink Lightning 5 — Cora Glunt scored 4 runs for the Diamond Divas; Juliana Gil scored 2 runs for the Pink Lightning.

Premier Lawns Grand Slammers 16, Emerald Transformer Bratz With Bats 1 — Raylynn Crim scored 4 runs for the Grand Slammers.

Girls Machine Pitch

Madison Orthodontics Glow Getter 10, Midwest Tube Mills Purple Pythons 3 — Tinley Crim scored 2 runs for the Glow Getters; Aively King scored 2 runs for the Purple Pythons.

Greves TV & Appliances Home Center Pink Bombers 10, Key Manufacturing Diamond Divas 7 — London Cain scored 3 runs for the Pink Bombers; Olivia Nickell and Haven Law both scored 2 runs or the Diamond Divas.

Boys Machine Pitch

Snell's Backhoe Service Giants 3, Napier Trucking Llc Astros 2

Arvin Sango Pirates 12, Steinhart Heating & Air Conditioning Dodgers 11 — Sam Kernen scored 3 runs for the Pirates.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

Boys Instructional

Kort Pt Rangers 17, Ray Brawner-Ind Farm Bureau Insurance Diamondbacks 7 — Sullivan Bower, Lane Bowman and Maverick Daniel scored 3 runs for the Rangers. Braylon Hunger scored 2 runs for the Diamondbacks.

Inness Nursery Lil Dingers 13, Red Pepper Red Legs 9 — Brier Goodin and Brantley Taylor scored 3 runs for the Lil Dingers. Gunnar Vest, Hampton Laswell and Bennett Mix scored 2 runs for the Red Legs.

Girls Instructional

Toyota Of Madison Body Shop Chipmunks 14, Bohman Bee Company Purple Penguins 12 — Emersyn Bipes scored 3 runs for the Chipmunks. Laila Phillips scored 4 runs for the Purple Penguins.

Boys Coach Pitch

Sutter For Prosecutor Reds 14, Mammy's Giants 1 — Kade Fish and Anakin Hogston scored 3 runs for the

Reds.

ServPro Of Madison/Lawrenceburg/Versailles A's 15, Ray Brawner-Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Blue Jays 12 — Owen Holcroft scored 5 runs for the A's. Ryker Leach scored 4 runs for the Blue Jays.

Girls Machine Pitch

Madison Land Title Pink Pineapples 13, The Farm Off Road Family Dragons 11 — Addy Ciejkko scored 3 runs for the Pink Pineapples. Blakely Adams, Luna Tucker and Amelia Smith scored 2 runs for the Dragons.

Zapp's Powder Coating Red Legs 14, Midwest Tube Mills Purple Pythons 13 — Chloe Zapp, Adyson Goldman, Harley Griffin, Haven Marshall and Ranzee Paul scored 2 runs for the Red Legs. Remi Davis scored 4 runs for the Purple Pythons.

HANOVER WOMEN'S SUMMER SOFTBALL

Jendy's Pizzeria Psych Clones 28, Tap Room D D Lites 0

Pet Paradise 14, From The Ground Up Ball Busters 4

Pacers, Thunder run to NBA Finals fueled by doubters

Title will give one the last laugh

BY TIM REYNOLDS
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OKLAHOMA CITY — In these NBA Finals, a team is four wins away from getting the last laugh. Ask anyone on the Oklahoma City Thunder and Indiana Pacers if they're still fueled by doubters, and the answer is probably going to be an immediate “yes.” Thunder star and NBA MVP Shai Gilgeous-Alexander went 11th in his draft. Pacers star Tyrese Haliburton went 12th in his. Both sides have undrafted players in their rotation. Here they are: The NBA Finals, which start Thursday night in Oklahoma City. The Thunder have, by far, the NBA's best record this season. The Pacers have the league's second-best record since Jan. 1, including playoffs. And both teams have rolled through the postseason, going 12-4 in the first three rounds. “I’ll continue to tell you guys in certain moments that it doesn’t matter what people say, but it

matters — and I enjoy it,” Haliburton said. “I think the greats try to find external motivation as much as they can and that’s something that’s always worked for me.” It’s not like more motivation is needed. Not for the next couple of weeks, anyway. Indiana is chasing its first NBA title. Oklahoma City — technically — is also seeking its first; the franchise won a championship when it played in Seattle in 1979. These are teams that combined to win 49 games just three seasons ago, and now they’re the last two standing. “Staying true to who we are is the reason why we’re here,” Gilgeous-Alexander said. “We’d be doing ourselves a disservice if we changed or tried to be something we’re not once we got here. We’ve had success doing so. If we want to keep having success, we have to be who we are. It’s organic. It’s nothing we have to think about or force. It’s just who we are, no matter the moment.” The Thunder are enormous favorites in the series, according to BetMGM Sportsbook, and understandably so. They’re 80-18 including the regular season and

postseason, plus went 29-1 in the regular season against the Eastern Conference and have more double-digit wins — 61 and counting — than any team in any season in NBA history. “We’ve got a lot of work cut out for us,” Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. “A lot of our guys have been through a lot of situations where they’ve been underdogs in the past. It’s simply going to come down to us being able to play our game at the best possible level. We’re going to need to take care of the ball because these guys turn people over at an historic rate, and we’re going to have to make some shots.” The Thunder want no part of hearing this series will be easy. The way Indiana — a No. 4 seed in the East — got through Giannis Antetokounmpo and Milwaukee in Round 1, a top-seeded Cleveland team in Round 2 and New York in Round 3 and never faced an elimination game has captured Oklahoma City's full attention. “Their attack is very simple. The theoretical way to stop it is simple,” Thunder coach Mark Daigneault said. “In reality it’s very difficult to do, as you can see from the way

that they’ve really had their way with everybody. ... They pump a 99 mph fastball at you. You can prepare all you want for that. When you’re in the batter’s box, it’s different when it’s time to hit it.” **YOUNG THUNDER** The Thunder are the youngest team to make the NBA Finals in 48 years, according to data provided by the league. With an average age of about 25 years and seven months, they're the youngest finalist since Portland in 1977. That said, hearing about it is getting, well, old. “Young or not, when you can learn from whatever situation you’re thrown in, that makes you better,” Thunder guard Jalen Williams said. “I think that’s why we’re here in this moment.” **BUSY OKC** There will be a Game 1 in Oklahoma City on Thursday night — and a Game 2 on Thursday night as well. At Paycom Center, there's Game 1 of the NBA Finals. And Devon Park, about a 15-minute drive away

from the Thunder home floor, will play host to Game 2 of the Women's College World Series between Texas and Texas Tech that same night. If the softball facility — which will be the site of games at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics — is filled, that means about 32,000 people will be watching championship games in Oklahoma City on Thursday. **PAST FINALS** There are four players on these teams with previous NBA Finals experience. Indiana's Pascal Siakam averaged 19.8 points in six games with Toronto, helping the Raptors win the title in 2019. Oklahoma City's Alex Caruso averaged 6.3 points in six games with the Los Angeles Lakers, helping them past Miami in the bubble finals of 2020. Indiana's Thomas Bryant got in one game of Denver's 2023 finals win over Miami, and the Pacers' Aaron Nesmith played for Boston in the Celtics' loss to Golden State in the 2022 finals.



Michael Conroy/AP Photo

Indiana Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle is making his sixth trip to the NBA Finals as a player, assistant coach and now as a head coach.

Pacers coach Carlisle has followed winding road to NBA success

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

OKLAHOMA CITY — The drive between the little upstate New York towns of Lisbon and Ogdensburg, by Rick Carlisle's recollection, would take about eight minutes. In that part of the world, in the St. Lawrence valley just a few miles south of Canada, that's like going next door. That ride is probably a reason why Carlisle — the Indiana Pacers coach — is at the NBA Finals for a sixth time as a player, assistant coach and now a head coach. The story behind the ride is this: Carlisle went to Lisbon Central, a school where everyone from kindergarten through 12th grade was housed in the same building — that's quite common in that part of the world — and was the first 1,000-point scorer there. But if he wanted to watch NBA games, the family had to hop in the car and head to Ogdensburg. The reason? There was no cable TV in Lisbon at that time, and the aerial antenna at the family home couldn't pick up any NBA games. “We had a thing, you turn the rotor in the direction and the antenna would move and it would either go towards Kingston, Ontario, or Watertown, New York,” Carlisle said. And back in those days we only got the CBS affiliate, and they didn’t have the NBA back in those early years. But we got Hockey Night in Canada." And yes, Carlisle played hockey in those days. He just liked basketball more. That's why that eight-minute drive would get made, over and over, so he could see NBA games. Fast forward to now, and Carlisle — who won a title with Boston as a player and with Dallas as a head coach — is four wins away from another championship. “I can’t say enough about him and the respect I have for him,” said Mark Daigneault, whose Oklahoma City team faced off with Carlisle's Pacers when the NBA Finals started Thursday night. "I think the whole is better than the sum of the parts. Almost consistently across every year he’s ever coached, the team is better than their coach. I think that’s a reflection of him. “His teams play a clear identity, stay in character through all the ups and downs. That identity has changed over the years

based on his teams, the league trends. But his teams are always in character. This year is certainly no exception.” There are parallels between Daigneault and Carlisle. Both are incredibly smart. Both might lean toward a dry sense of humor. And Daigneault isn't exactly a big-city guy, either. His hometown — Leominster, Massachusetts — has a population of about 43,000, which makes it an absolute metropolis compared to Lisbon and its population of about 4,300. Big city, small town, no matter one's roots, Daigneault said everyone feels the same way getting to the finals. “Every single person that’s participating in this, whether it’s coaches, players, staff, there was a time in their life when this was just a dream,” Daigneault said. “This wasn’t a foregone conclusion for them. That’s every player that’s participating. There’s a time when they were in their driveway shooting 1-on-0 with a basket counting down the end of the game. That’s what makes it so special to participate in.” Carlisle was close friends with Hal Cohen, who played at nearby Canton Central and was part of Jim Boeheim's first class at Syracuse. Cohen was one of the first players from that part of the world to play basketball at a Division I level; he showed Carlisle the way. Carlisle went to prep school for a year before starting his college playing career at Maine, his lone Division I offer. He wound up eventually transferring to Virginia and playing alongside Ralph Sampson. “Changed my life forever,” Carlisle said. Carlisle got drafted in the third round in 1984 — “a round that no longer exists in the draft,” Carlisle says — and played in the league for parts of five seasons, with a brief stint with the CBA's Albany Patroons thrown in there as well. He was with the Patroons not long after one of their more successful coaches had left; that coach's name was Phil Jackson, who went on to win 11 NBA titles. The road here, just like that road between Lisbon and Ogdensburg, was more than a bit winding. “Had great coaching and a lot of things that were very fortunate,” Carlisle said. “I ended up getting drafted by Boston in a round that no longer exists in the draft. A lot of things fell my way. But I worked hard, too.”

Why bettors avoiding favored Thunder in NBA Finals

BY MARK ANDERSON
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LAS VEGAS — The Oklahoma City Thunder are such heavy favorites to win the NBA title that many bettors are looking for other wagers instead. Professional bettors, in particular, have searched out player propositions and hit the under on the totals rather than take the Thunder at -700 at BetMGM Sportsbook or -650 at DraftKings Sportsbook. Indiana is listed at +500 at BetMGM and +475 at DraftKings for the NBA Finals that open Thursday.

“It's just not enticing to bet a money line or spread,” BetMGM trading manager Christian Cipollini said. “That number kind of scares you off even if you do like the Pacers. You're like, ‘They're +500 for a reason.’” The Thunder have won seven games this postseason by double digits, four by at least 30 points. Oklahoma City is the biggest favorite since Golden State in 2018, according to sportsoddshistory.com. That Warriors team, led by Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant, was listed at -1075 and swept Cleveland and LeBron James.

The Thunder franchise won its only previous title in 1979, when it was in Seattle and known as the SuperSonics. The team relocated to Oklahoma City in 2008. CBS SportsLine handicapper Bruce Marshall said he thinks the Thunder will be pushed much harder by the Pacers, saying he could see the series going seven games. “I think they’re probably going to win the series, but I don’t see any value with that sort of price for them,” Marshall said. “I think there's enough here that Indiana can make it interesting.”

Annuities for Small Business Owners: A 2025 Retirement Strategy



Layin’ it on the line

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Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

Small business owners often face unique hurdles when it comes to retirement planning. Instead of relying on employer-sponsored plans, they frequently reinvest profits back into their businesses, sometimes at the expense of personal savings. While many dream of selling their business to fund retirement, the reality is that such sales aren’t guaranteed and may not yield the expected funds. This is precisely where annuities can step in, offering a crucial layer of financial security. While annuities are commonly associated with individual investors, they can also be owned by business entities like corporations or partnerships. The key is that a living person must be designated as the annuitant within the contract. **Key Considerations for 2025:** • **Tax Treatment Differences:** It's important to understand the tax implications. Annuities owned by individuals generally enjoy tax-deferred growth, meaning you won't pay taxes on the earnings until you take withdrawals. However, for business entities, annuities are typically classified as “non-qualified” by the IRS. This means their growth is generally subject to ordinary income taxes annually as it's earned, rather than being deferred. This difference in taxation is a critical factor for business owners to consider. • **No Contribution Limits (Unlike Qualified Plans):** Unlike traditional qualified retirement plans such as Solo 401(k)s (which have a total contribution limit of up to \$70,000 for 2025) or SEP IRAs (also up to \$70,000 for 2025), annuities have no IRS-mandated contribution caps. This flexibility allows business owners to invest substantial amounts at once, providing a robust vehicle to build a personal pension. • **Principal Protection:** Many types of annuities, like fixed-indexed annuities, offer protection for your principal from market downturns. This means your initial investment is safeguarded, providing stability and reducing anxiety, especially during volatile economic periods. **Are you curious how an annuity might fit into your unique business and personal financial situation for 2025? Consider consulting with an annuity specialist who understands the intricacies of business ownership and retirement planning.**

often come with optional add-ons, known as riders, which can provide additional benefits like long-term care coverage, disability income, or death benefits. These features can offer extra layers of personal and business protection, providing comprehensive security for you and your family. **Stephen Dybwad, a long-time Hoosier resident, is a member of Syndicated Columnists, a national organization committed to a fully transparent approach to money management. Syndicated Columnists is the sole provider of this material, both written and conceptual, for this column. All rights reserved.** **Kasper Insurance** 220 Clifty Drive Madison, IN 47250 Telephone 812-273-1187. Stephen Dybwad (annuity.com)

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Kentucky offering free fishing this weekend

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Anglers of all ages can fish for free in Kentucky the weekend of June 7-8, thanks to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' annual Free Fishing Weekend.

The event waives license and permit requirements for all residents and nonresidents fishing in public waters across the state, according to a news release from the department.

"This 100% discount on fishing licenses" gives families a chance to enjoy time outdoors without the usual fees, the release said. However, all other regulations remain in effect, including daily limits, size restrictions and the requirement to have permission when fishing on private property.

Communities statewide will host special events during the weekend, many of them geared toward children. A full list of activities is available on the Free Fishing Weekend webpage and at fw.ky.gov, the department's official site.

To help beginners get started, the website offers a variety of free resources, including instructional videos under the "Learn to Fish" section, locations for free loaner poles and the annual Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide.

The site also includes tools to help anglers choose a fishing spot. Visitors can explore the "Fishing in Neighborhoods" page for stocked urban lakes, use habitat maps from the "fish attractors" section and review statewide forecasts for insider fishing tips.

For on-the-go access, the department recommends downloading the "Fish Boat KY" app, which provides fishing reports, stocking schedules, directions to lakes and information on local boating and fishing regulations.

"The water is calling," the department said in the release, encouraging families to take advantage of the free opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

Eberle fans 11 as Cards beat Wright State to sweeps Nashville Regional

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ethan Eberle had 11 strikeouts, Eddie King Jr. and Alex Alicea had two RBIs apiece on Sunday night to help Louisville beat Wright State 6-0 to sweep the Nashville Regional.

Louisville advanced to the super regionals for the 10th time in program history, including five consecutive trips from 2013-17.

The Cardinals (38-21) will host Miami (34-25) beginning Friday. Louisville had missed the postseason in three of the past four seasons, including each of the last two.

Eberle (6-2) gave up two hits with three walks over 6 1/3 scoreless innings. Wyatt Danilowicz struck out four

in 2 2/3 no-hit innings for his third save of the season.

Lucas Moore led off the game with a single, moved to third on a double by Matt Klein and Zion Rose drew a four-pitch walk to load the bases. King hit a double to the gap to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

Klein had an RBI single in the fifth, Neighbors added a run-scoring double in the sixth and Alicea's two-run single in the eighth capped the scoring.

Wright State beat No. 1 national seed Vanderbilt 5-4 in a loser-out game earlier Sunday. Louisville sent the Commodores to the loser's bracket with a 3-2 win on Saturday.



Jason Franson/AP photo

Edmonton Oilers' Leon Draisaitl (29) celebrates his game-winning goal against the Florida Panthers in the first overtime period in Game 1 of the NHL Stanley Cup final in Edmonton, Alberta.

Stanley Cup Final: Draisaitl's OT goal lifts Oilers over Panthers in Game 1

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
AP HOCKEY WRITER

EDMONTON, Alberta — When the Stanley Cup was brought out onto the ice prior to Game 1 of the final, just as it was last year, everything the Edmonton Oilers expressed about this time being different came into focus.

"Last year, I was kind of looking at it with googly eyes," goaltender Stuart Skinner said. "This year seeing it, it's: 'I was here last year, I saw it. It's time to get back to work and do my thing.' It definitely felt completely different."

The Oilers made the start of the series completely different, erasing a multigoal deficit to beat the defending Florida Panthers 4-3 on Wednesday night on Leon Draisaitl's power play goal in overtime. A year since falling behind three games to none, Edmonton has a lead in the rematch and is one step closer to flipping the script.

"It's huge," said Skinner, who made some big stops among his 29 saves. "The way that we showed up right from the get go and the way that we continued to keep on going, even though we were down by two, that shows a lot of character by us."

Draisaitl provided the heroics, scoring on the power play with 31 seconds left in the OT period after Tomas Nosek's penalty for putting the puck over the glass. The goal was his third in overtime this year in the playoffs, tying the record for a single postseason, after Draisaitl had six during the regular season.

"He's invaluable," said Oilers captain Connor McDavid, who set up the tying and winning goals. "He does so many good things: clutch, faceoffs. You name it, he does it."

For a while, it appeared the Oilers would lose Game 1 this year as well. Draisaitl's goal 1:06 in was followed later in the first period by Sam Bennett deflecting a shot past Skinner after falling into him.

Edmonton coach Kris Knoblauch unsuccessfully challenged for goaltender interference, with the NHL's situation room ruling that the Oilers' Jake Walman tripped Bennett into Skinner. The resulting penalty paved the way for Florida's Brad Marchand to score the go-ahead goal on a power play.

Bennett scored his second of the night early in the second period to put the Panthers up 3-1. They entered 31-0 over the past three playoffs since coach Paul Maurice took over when leading at the first or second intermission.

"I mean, they pushed," Marchand said. "They obviously are a very good team, and doesn't take much for them to score. So, not surprising, the push they did. They're a great team. We've just got to keep going."

Fourth-liner Viktor Arvidsson brought the crowd back to life early in the second, and fellow Swede Mattias Ekholm — playing in just his second game back from an extended injury absence — tied it with 13:27 remaining in regulation off a perfect pass from McDavid.

Florida counterpart Sergei Bobrovsky's made some incredible saves, including one to rob Trent Frederic earlier in overtime. In between, he was greeted with derisive chants of "Sergei! Ser-gei!" that followed goals he allowed.

At the other end, Skinner made a handful of saves that were vital to keeping the Panthers from extending their lead or going back ahead late in the third, getting friendlier chants of "Stuuuu! Stuuuu!" every time he turned aside a difficult shot.

"He was great again," McDavid said. "He gave us a chance."

UP NEXT

Game 2 is Friday night in Edmonton (**TV:** Live on TNT at 8 p.m.) before the series shifts to Florida for Games 3 and 4.

Texas edges Texas Tech 2-1 in WCWS finals opener

Atwood hits go-ahead 2 RBI single on intentional walk attempt

BY TIM WILLERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Reese Atwood hit a go-ahead, two-run single for Texas when Texas Tech ace NiJaree Canady was trying to walk her intentionally in the sixth inning, and the Longhorns beat the Red Raiders 2-1 in Game 1 of the Women's College World Series finals on Wednesday night.

Teagan Kavan pitched a three-hitter for Texas (54-11), which can secure its first national title with a victory in Game 2 on Thursday night. Texas Tech (53-12) would have to win two straight to claim its first championship in its first WCWS appearance.

Canady allowed four hits and struck out seven, but she has lost four of five career starts against Texas, with two of those defeats for the Red Raiders this season and two for her previous school, Stanford.

This one came down to a pitch that Canady tried but failed to throw well out of the strike zone.

"I made that mistake," she said. "I think that loss is on me, and

I apologize to my team."

Canady struck out the first two batters in the sixth but ran into trouble when Kayden Henry singled to left and stole second. Mia Scott reached on an infield single, moving Henry to third, and Scott took second without a throw.

With first base open and a 3-0 count on Atwood, Texas Tech catcher Victoria Valdez stood up to set a target well out of the zone for Canady, but the pitch came in letter-high and Atwood hit a hard grounder through the left side.

"You've got to give credit to Atwood there," Texas Tech coach Gerry Glasco said. "She wanted to play ball. She wanted

to make a play. She made a difference in the game at a time we were trying to take her out of the game."

Texas Tech scored in the fifth inning with the help of an obstruction call. Pinch-hitter Logan Halleman reached on a fielding error and Atwood threw her out trying to steal second. Texas Tech challenged the call, and umpires ruled that shortstop Leighanne Goode had obstructed Halleman's path to the bag.

Mihya Davis singled to right-center to drive in Halleman.

Kavan has not allowed an earned run in four WCWS appearances. Over 24 innings, she has allowed 12 hits and struck out 15. She got

10 groundouts on Wednesday night.

The Red Raiders threatened in the first, loading the bases with no outs. Canady, who leads Texas Tech with 11 homers, hit a grounder to third to start a 5-2-3 double play, and Alexa Langeliers grounded out to the pitcher to end the inning.

"Obviously it was a hard-fought game," Texas coach Mike White said. "It could have gone either way, a game of inches. A lot of things happening for a 2-1 ballgame for sure. Fortunately we were able to come out on top of it. NiJaree Canady is just an extremely good pitcher. We have one on our side too with Teagan Kavan. They kind of matched toe-to-toe for quite a while, and it was good."

HOF QB Manning joins NWSL Denver ownership group

BY PAT GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning became the latest sports celebrity to join the ownership group of Denver's National Women's Soccer League expansion team on Tuesday.

Manning follows two-time Olympic champion ski racer Mikaela Shiffrin, who was announced as an investor

last month in a club that will make its debut next season.

Manning and Shiffrin join an NWSL group in Denver led by controlling owner Rob Cohen. Denver was awarded the NWSL's 16th team earlier this year.

"Peyton's legacy as a champion and a leader is second to none," Cohen said in a news release. "His impact on Colorado sports is unmatched, and we're incredibly proud to have him

as a partner. He brings passion, insight, and deep local roots — all of which will help us shape the future of Denver NWSL."

All around the NWSL, big-name athletes are investing in teams. Manning's brother, Eli, is part of Gotham FC, while Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes is involved with the KC Current and NBA star James Harden backs the Houston Dash. Deco-

rated Alpine ski racer Lindsey Vonn supports the Utah Royals FC.

Manning was a five-time MVP and two-time Super Bowl winner in a career that started with the Indianapolis Colts and ended in Denver after helping the Broncos to a title following the 2015 season. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2021 after throwing for 71,940 yards with 539 touchdowns and 251

interceptions.

Since his retirement, Manning has grown his entertainment company Omaha Productions, which produces ESPN's "Manningcast." The show is hosted by the Manning brothers and offers an alternate way to watch "Monday Night Football."

"It's a real honor to be part of something so meaningful to the Colorado community," Manning said

of joining Denver NWSL. "I'm proud to support the growth of women's sports and excited to help build a club that our city and our state can rally behind."

Denver NWSL is building a 12,000-seat temporary stadium that will be its home during the 2026 and '27 seasons. The team also recently unveiled plans for a state-of-the-art, 14,500-seat stadium that will be located in downtown Denver.

Batter up! Things to know as NCAA baseball enters super regionals

BY ERIC OLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super regionals are the next stop on the NCAA baseball tournament's Road to Omaha.

Four of the best-of-three series are Friday through Sunday: Miami (34-25) at Louisville (38-21); No. 9 national seed Florida State (41-14) at No. 8 Oregon State (45-13-1); Arizona (42-18) at No. 5 North Carolina (45-13); and No. 13 Coastal Carolina (51-11) at No. 4 Auburn (41-18).

The four series Saturday through Monday: UTSA (47-13) at No. 15 UCLA (45-16); Murray State (42-14) at Duke (40-19); West Virginia (44-14) at No. 6 LSU (46-15); and No. 14 Tennessee (46-17) at No. 3 Arkansas (46-13).

The eight winners advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, starting June 13.

advanced only four of its record 13 tournament teams to super regionals. That ratio doesn't cut it when the metrics say you're the most powerful conference and you've produced the last five national champions, 10 of the last 15 and have had a team in 14 of the last 15 CWS finals.

The top two national seeds, Vanderbilt and Texas, are among the nine eliminated SEC teams. Since 2009, the SEC has failed to get fewer than half its qualifiers through regionals only four times but never fewer than

a third until this year.

ACC ON THE RISE

The Atlantic Coast Conference tied the record it set last year with five of its tournament teams making it through regionals. Miami-Louisville is the only all-ACC super regional, so the league is in position to send four teams to the CWS for a second straight year.

North Carolina is 13-3 since April 27 and has one of the best feel-good

stories in ACC pitcher of the year Jake Knapp, who missed 2024 recovering from Tommy John surgery. Florida State, in supers for a record 19th time, has one of the top offensive players in .400 hitter Alex Lodise.

Duke has a 40-win season for the second straight year and third time overall, all under Chris Pollard. Miami is in its first super regional since 2016 after winning at Southern Mississippi as the No. 3 regional seed. Louisville lost six of seven games before going 3-0 in the Nashville Regional.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

JUNE 6

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can learn and grow from feedback. Do your best to dodge workplace stress by focusing on working smarter, not harder. Look for opportunities to prove that you can keep your promises and meet challenges with enthusiasm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't pretend to be more independent than you are; it could send the wrong message. Avoid impulses if your finances or your heart are at stake. A relationship might shift in unpredictable ways if you give in to a sudden urge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Clear any distractions and refocus on your intentions. A loved one may push for financial goals, and your sharp thinking could turn ideas into gold. People might find little to criticize if you follow the conventions and rules.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take the lead and set the standards when the opportunity presents. Staying squeaky clean could earn you respect from clients or colleagues. But don't forget to keep the door open if someone close needs to lean on you for support.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You polish your reputation by keeping promises and delivering results; ask a fan for a favor and you might get it. Your long-range planning skills are better than usual but you may not want to listen to someone's reasonable input.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Choose diplomacy over debates. Others might be defensive and bend the truth, so focus on getting on the same page to execute plans. Standing your ground and expressing yourself can hold more weight than agreeing just to agree.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might hesitate to speak your mind due to shyness or tact. Later in the weekend, you may be more likely to find a chance to express yourself clearly and confidently. Don't take it personally if you're momentarily overlooked by others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Being the star of the show may be great but stay true to what you can really do: there's no need for smoke and mirrors. Too much chit-chat could derail a project. Find smooth ways to gently let down those who want to take up time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Carve out time for essential tasks. Focus on making your environment run more efficiently. Dodge workplace stress by diving into the latest tech developments. A timely tip could swoop in and turn things around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your hard-earned skepticism could cause confusion, making you doubt genuine visionaries when they're actually legit. An opportunity to increase your profits or add to your financial freedom may be presented to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your charm might be magnetic now but consider slowing down on romantic pursuits since your passion might fizzle out tonight. Enjoying creative hobbies or having a good time with friends and loved ones might be highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Identify time-wasting habits. Being a model of efficiency could lead to more free time for social activities. Trim distractions and lean on your sharp judgment to make critical changes that may improve your home environment.

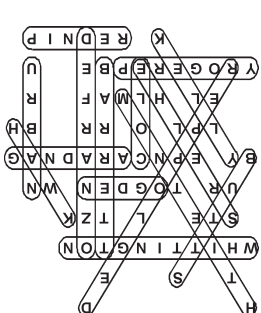
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Jumble solution

CHUMP DRAWN GOSSIP MOTIVE
The bartender was fired for giving away too many free drinks and other ---

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MCPHU

WRDNA

SIOPSG

VTMEIO

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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WORD SLEUTH

D-DAY MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

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Thursday's unlisted clue: HANSEL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: THEODORE — III (TEDDY'S SON)

Barrett	Deglopper	Kelly	Pinder
Butts	Ehlers	Monteith	Urban
Cole	Gandara	Ogden	Whittington
Defranzo	Hawk	Peregory	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Heart chart (Abbr.)
- 4 Long story
- 8 First person
- 12 Bathroom, to a Londoner
- 13 Advanced math
- 14 Judicial garb
- 15 Pre-historic period
- 17 Hexagonal state
- 18 Soak up
- 19 Prattle
- 21 Scale members
- 22 Frightens
- 26 Doofus
- 29 Ecol. watchdog
- 30 A billion years
- 31 Slapstick arsenal
- 32 Law grads
- 33 New York's Field
- 34 Corn spike
- 35 Greek cross

DOWN

- 36 "Hay-stacks" painter
- 37 Sea of
- 39 Wee dollop
- 40 "— who?"
- 41 Mistakes in print
- 45 WNBA star
- 48 Contemporary
- 50 Say it's so
- 51 Impale
- 52 Jungfrau, for one
- 53 Favorites
- 54 Fencing sword
- 55 — Moines
- 1 "Frozen" snow queen

2 Broad-

- 2 Broadcast
- 3 Sticky sub-
- 4 Sound system
- 5 Riyadh residents
- 6 Showbiz job
- 7 Generational disparities
- 8 Island off Venezuela
- 9 Speck
- 10 Lawyers' org.
- 11 "I'm not impressed"
- 16 Benchmarks

20 Mode

- 20 Mode lead-in
- 23 Check
- 24 Bit of dust
- 25 Peevish fit
- 26 Detail, briefly
- 27 "Arrive-dercil"
- 28 Frau's mate
- 29 College URL
- 32 Pre-Depression era
- 33 Hooded snake
- 35 Golf peg
- 36 "Little Women" matriarch
- 38 Auto-crats
- 39 Plow pioneer
- 42 Slightly
- 43 Conference leader?
- 44 Nile vipers
- 45 Napkin's place
- 46 "— had it!"
- 47 Fixed
- 49 Republicans

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Today's solution

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HOROSCOPE

JUNE 7

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might feel that you're facing a fork in the road. Your choice could be to embrace what's currently happening or bask in optimism. Your inner calm might depend less on what you choose and more on how you handle it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your focus may shift to financial or professional matters. Your luck may improve without you doing a thing, or past rewards could soon arrive. Perhaps a bill is about to be paid off in full or you find a rebate on a big-ticket item.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Dreaming doesn't necessarily require sleep. You might crave more from life, but progress could stall until you define what "more" means. Sketch out your ambitions and let your fantasies flow so that you can make them a reality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pause at life's intersections. It's okay to realize you might need to learn something new. Take a moment to reflect before you choose your path. Someone's visionary ideas could be genuine and have everyone's best interest at heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even when it's necessary, change can be difficult. You might have become too comfortable, surrounded by memories and all the familiar people in your life. Consider if and when to take the risk of moving on and starting a new chapter in your journey.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your tender feelings may take a temporary nosedive if you think your special someone isn't in it for true love. You may rely on the advice of a trusted friend or mentor. Make sure your purchases reflect your true desires.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Hiding your thoughts and opinions might be harder than you think, plus covering them up prevents the people around you know how you really feel. Be honest about your emotions and someone could support you through the process.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Happiness goes beyond simple joys. Socializing may stir fond memories, and you might solidify a romance or career goal by gathering feedback from friends. Process information before acting, be discerning in accumulating all the facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might be wiser than usual when making plans for the future with a partner. If you ask for advice, do your due diligence before following it. Consider reconciling with someone whose esteem is of great importance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't put all your eggs in one basket. It may pay to keep some options open, especially if you are suddenly obsessed by the thought of an expensive item or hefty investment. Don't let any intense feelings erase common sense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can't make the right decision if you're working with bad information. Don't be afraid to ask again if you need clarification. An important matter may come to a proper resolution once you're working with all the facts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take time to get organized. If your ambitions are stirred, you might need to have a viable plan of action that will give you the necessary time to complete a list of tasks. Focus on improving your home environment this weekend.

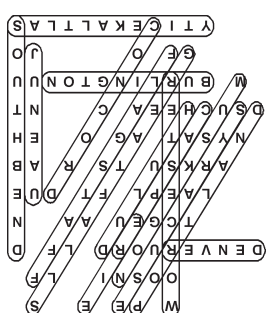
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Jumble solution

FRESH TACKLE HOTTER
She was wearing new golf attire that — FIT HER TO A TEE

Sleuth solution



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RSEHF

NEITG

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SNOWY CITIES

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D E N V E R U O R D O L F M D

K I H I T C G E U F A A D B N

Z Y R L A E P L W F T V D U E

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French Open: Djokovic beats Zverev to set up semifinal vs. Sinner

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
APT TENNIS WRITER

PARIS — A crucial moment arrived more than 2 1/2 hours into Novak Djokovic's 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 French Open quarterfinal victory over Alexander Zverev. It was the fourth set, and Djokovic led, but Zverev was in possession of a break point and a chance to get back into Wednesday's match. They engaged in a 41-stroke exchange, the longest of a buggy and breezy night, and Djokovic came out on top, smacking a forehand winner. He stayed in place afterward, breathing heavily, with hands on hips, scanning the standing ovation from thousands of Court Philippe-Chatrier spectators. He soon held serve for a 4-2 lead in that set and was back on track. Djokovic might be 38 now. He might have slogged through a pair of three-match losing skids this season and slid to No. 6 in the rankings. What hasn't changed

is Djokovic's determination or his ability to be his best on big stages — and now he's two wins from a record 25th Grand Slam title. Djokovic proved too much for No. 3 seed Zverev, a man who's a decade younger and was last year's runner-up at Roland-Garros, and set up a semifinal against No. 1 Jannik Sinner. Djokovic is pleased to show himself, and others, he's still got it “I still push myself on a daily basis at this age because of these kind of matches and these kind of experiences,” Djokovic said. “It’s a proven kind of testament to myself that I can — and to others that I can — still play on the highest level.” Earlier Wednesday, Sinner continued his overpowering run through the bracket by dismissing Alexander Bublik 6-1, 7-5, 6-0. Sinner not only hasn't dropped a set so far, but he has ceded a total of only 36 games through five matches. So Friday will bring a tantalizing

showdown between someone many consider the top player in tennis history, Djokovic, and someone who is at the top of the men's game at the moment, Sinner. They are tied 4-4 head-to-head; Sinner won the last three matchups. “He has shown now, in the last period, that he is back,” Sinner said. Djokovic has 24 major titles, and Sinner has won 3 of the past 5. No one has spent more weeks at No. 1 in the rankings than Djokovic. No one has won more major championships or reached more major semifinals than his total that now stands at 51 after becoming the second-oldest man to get that far in Paris. He also just claimed his 100th career tournament title, a week before the French Open. “I just hope that I will be able to physically keep up with Sinner in few days' time,” Djokovic said. “It’s a big challenge for me.” Sinner, 23, has won three of the

past five Grand Slam titles. That includes last year's U.S. Open and this year's Australian Open. “He’s playing fast. He’s playing smart,” Bublik said. “He’s in another dimension with all the aspects of the game.” Also an apt description for Djokovic, who repeatedly used drop shots to great effect against Zverev. As for Sinner, no one other than Carlos Alcaraz has been able to beat him in his last 48 matches, a stretch that dates to last August. Sinner is 46-2 in that span, with both defeats coming against the French Open's defending champion. And as it happens, No. 2 Alcaraz is still around. He will meet No. 8 Lorenzo Musetti in Friday's other semifinal. Djokovic and Zverev were both bothered by bugs during their match. There were some distractions in Djokovic vs. Zverev, including a bunch of tiny flying insects that the players kept trying to swat away and a back-and-forth between

the chair umpire and some fans in the fourth set. Needless to say, Djokovic handled it all much better. He also was superior in pretty much every way with the ball in play. He was broken in the very first game — and then not again. He broke Zverev four times — no small feat against a guy broken a total of five times in his five previous matches. “What do you want me to say? He’s won 24 of these things,” Zverev said. The last time these two played each other was in the Australian Open semifinals in January, and Djokovic had to quit after one set because of an injured hamstring. The last time Djokovic played at the French Open, 12 months ago, he had to withdraw before the quarterfinals because he tore the meniscus in his right knee and needed surgery. He sure looks in good shape at the moment.

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Van Gundy has returned to coaching as an assistant with the Clippers, if the Knicks wanted to gauge interest in a reunion. Michael Malone, who led Denver to the 2023 NBA title, is another former Knicks assistant who is available, as is Johnnie Bryant, who was beaten out

Wednesday by Jordan Ott for Phoenix's head coaching position. Rick Pitino, Dan Hurley and John Calipari are all big names with ties to the New York area if Rose wanted to go the college route, and the retired Jay Wright coached current Knicks players Jalen Brunson, Josh Hart and Mikal Bridges on national championship teams at Villanova. Brunson's father, Rick, was an assistant on

Thibodeau's staff, if Rose wanted to promote the team captain's father. Pitino, at Yankee Stadium to throw out the first pitch Wednesday, said “only time tells with those” if the Knicks made a mistake firing Thibodeau. “I feel bad for Thibs because I think he captured all of New York, built something very, very special,” said Pitino, who also coached the Knicks. “A lot of us don’t

comprehend what happened but Thibs is going to be well taken care of and he’ll move on to other pastures.” The Knicks had 12 coaches between the time Van Gundy resigned early in the 2001-02 season and Thibodeau's hiring, and they won just one playoff series. Thibodeau won four in the last three seasons. McEnroe thought that earned Thibodeau another year, a common reaction to

his firing. The Knicks decided otherwise, sending Rose into a search with much higher consequences than last time. Back then, on the heels of seven straight losing seasons, he just needed a coach who could win some games. Now he needs one who can deliver a championship. “I mean, I’m not really in that situation, but the thing I can say is Thibs did a lot for New York,” said Thunder

center Isaiah Hartenstein, who played in New York last season. “He did a lot just building that culture over there. So I think I have a lot of respect for him.”

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DeChambeau competing, preparing for US Open title defense

BY BEN NUCKOLS
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GAINESVILLE, Va. — As much as Bryson DeChambeau loves to practice and compete, the U.S. Open champion also appreciates the limited LIV Golf schedule that gives him time to pursue other interests.

DeChambeau arrived at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club for LIV Golf Virginia after a characteristically busy few days that included a round of golf with President Donald Trump and some short-game practice on the South Lawn of the White House.

Now the big-hitting YouTube star turns his attention to the 54-hole LIV event that starts Friday at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club. He said the thick rough and fast greens at RTJ would help prepare him for Oakmont, where he will try next week to win his third U.S. Open after triumphs last year at Pinehurst No. 2 and in 2020 at Winged Foot.

“I think LIV afforded me the opportunity to spend more time thinking, strategizing, getting my body healthy, ready for majors in

a pretty unique way,” DeChambeau said Wednesday. “For me, it was a great thing. I thought there was an opportunity to do other things in life, and look, do I want to win every single tournament I show up to? 100%.”

The RTJ event is the eighth of 14 tournaments this year for the globetrotting, Saudi-funded LIV Golf League. Although PGA Tour players have more freedom to set their own schedules, they typically play more often. For top-ranked Scottie Scheffler, the U.S. Open will be the fourth of five events in a seven-week stretch.

DeChambeau hasn't competed since last month's PGA Championship, won by Scheffler. While DeChambeau was enjoying a friendly round with Trump and posting a YouTube short in which he hit golf balls from the top of a mountain and the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, Scheffler was finishing off his third win of the past month at the Memorial.

“I’ve been doing some fun side quests, yes, there’s no doubt,”

DeChambeau said.

When he does compete, nobody practices harder than DeChambeau. He hit 1,029 range balls — more than anyone else in the field — at the Masters, where he finished in a tie for fifth.

The 31-year-old DeChambeau said he developed his practice habits as a teenager, when other junior golfers in California were beating him even though they didn't appear to try as hard.

“It stemmed from me not being as good as others and then realizing I can only be as good as how hard I work,” DeChambeau said. “So I just became obsessed with hitting crazy amounts of golf balls.”

Known for trying to optimize his swing and his equipment to produce a consistent ball flight — a long, high draw — DeChambeau also spends time practicing the unusual shots he needs to finish off tournaments.

“As much as I am a robot, and try to swing it as straight as possible and just stable as possible, I still do have to hit cuts and draws and

hit weird shots every once in a while,” he said. “Giving myself those opportunities in the bunker, in the bush, whatever, has only aided in my golf career.”

Phil Mickelson nears the end After he shocked the golf world four years ago by winning the PGA Championship at age 50, Phil Mickelson had a moment of honest self-assessment.

“It’s very possible that this is the last tournament I ever win. Like if I’m being realistic,” Mickelson said on that triumphant Sunday at Kiawah Island.

Mickelson hasn't won since, and while he wasn't eager to reflect Wednesday on a career that includes six major titles and just as many famous near-misses, he indicated his competitive future is limited.

He said he wants to help his teammates on LIV's HyFlyers squad and would step away if he's no longer doing that.

“I’m also going to be 55 in a couple weeks, so I want to be realistic there, too. I want this team to succeed. I don’t want to hold it back,”

Mickelson said. “If I’m holding it back, then it’s time for me to move on and get somebody else in here.”

Mickelson also acknowledged the possibility that Oakmont will be his last U.S. Open. He has a record six runner-up finishes at the national championship, the only major he hasn't won.

“There’s a high likelihood that it will be,” Mickelson said, “but I haven't really thought about it too much.”

The USGA gave Mickelson a special exemption to the 2021 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, which he ultimately didn't need because he won at Kiawah a month earlier. Nonetheless, the USGA historically does not grant more than one special exemption to non-U.S. Open champions. The only player to get more than one such invitation without having won the championship is Seve Ballesteros, who got two.

Mickelson has missed the past three U.S. Open cuts. He remains exempt for the other three majors as a past champion.

NBA pursuing US-vs.-world format for All-Star Game

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

OKLAHOMA CITY — The NBA is working on a plan to turn next season's All-Star Game into a U.S.-vs.-world competition, a person with knowledge of the situation said Wednesday.

It remains unclear how the format will work, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the league has not made any final determinations. Speaking to Fox Sports 1 earlier Wednesday, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver — who has talked about such a game on multiple occasions — was asked if U.S. vs. the world is possible.

“Yes,” Silver said.

Silver addressed the idea on March 27 as well at the

league's most recent board of governors meeting, when he revealed that the NBA was scrapping the All-Star mini-tournament format that was used this season.

At that time, the AP reported that the 2026 game — to be played Feb. 15 in Inglewood, California, just past the midpoint of the Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics — will be moved from its traditional prime-time Sunday night slot to one that starts on Sunday afternoon. That's happening because the game will be aired on NBC under the terms of the new 11-year media rights deals that kick in next season. NBC is also the Olympic broadcaster in the U.S.

So, NBC could show Olympic events in the morning and early afternoon, then the All-Star Game, then

have prime-time Olympic programming.

The move comes on the heels of a popular tournament, the 4 Nations Face-off, that essentially took the place of the NHL All-Star Game this year, as well as strong competition at the Paris Olympics, where the Americans won a fifth consecutive gold medal by rallying past Nikola Jokic and Serbia in the semifinals, then topping host France and Victor Wembanyama in the title game — behind a barrage of late 3-pointers from Stephen Curry.

“What better time to feature some form of USA against the world?” Silver said on FS1. “I’m not exactly sure what the format will be yet. I obviously paid a lot of attention to what the NHL did, which was a huge success. ... But

also, going back, last summer, our Olympic competition was a huge success.”

There is one big challenge regarding any U.S.-vs.-world format. About 70% of NBA players are American, while 30% are international, so it would in theory be easier for an international player to make the All-Star team — if the rosters are the same size.

International players, when asked at this year's All-Star Game if they would want a U.S.-vs.-world matchup, sounded enthusiastic.

“I would love to. My opinion is that it’s more purposeful,”

Wembanyama said back in February. “There’s more pride in it. More stakes.”

Added Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo, who's from Greece: “I would love that. Oh, I would love that. I think that would be the most interesting and most exciting format. I would love that. For sure, I’d take pride in that. I always compete, but I think that will give me a little bit more extra juice to compete.”

The latest format for the All-Star Game — a four-team, three-game mini-tournament in San Francisco with the first team to 40 points winning

each — was a miss. It came after years of the league asking players for a more competitive game.

The 211-186 final score at Indianapolis in 2024 was the last straw, and the league — for one year, anyway — thought the tournament was the answer.

Vikings' Purple People Eater Jim Marshall dies at 87

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

EAGAN, Minn. — Former Minnesota Vikings defensive end Jim Marshall, one of the four members of the famed Purple People Eaters front that formed the backbone of four Super Bowl teams, died Tuesday after a long hospitalization for an undisclosed illness. He was 87.

The Vikings announced Marshall's death on behalf of his wife, Susan. The native of Kentucky, who played at Ohio State and was drafted in 1960 by the Cleveland Browns, played 19 of his 20 seasons in the NFL with Minnesota. The two-time Pro Bowl pick set a league record for position players with 282 consecutive regular-season games played, a mark held by Marshall until quarterback Brett Favre broke it, coincidentally, with the Vikings in 2010.

“No player in Vikings history lived the ideals of toughness, camaraderie and passion more than the all-time iron man,” Vikings owners Mark Wilf and Zygi Wilf said in a statement distributed by the team. “A cornerstone of the franchise from the beginning, Captain Jim’s unmatched durability and quiet leadership earned the respect of teammates and opponents throughout his 20-year career. Jim led by example, and there was no finer example for others to follow. His impact on the Vikings was felt long after he left the field. Jim will always be remembered as a tremendous player and person. Our hearts are with his wife, Susan, and all of Jim’s loved ones.”

Though sacks weren't officially tracked by the NFL until 1982, Pro Football Reference recently completed a retroactive compilation of the primary pass-rushing statistic and credited Marshall with 130½ sacks,

which is tied for 22nd all-time. Two other Purple People Eaters rank ahead of him: Alan Page (148½) is eighth, and Carl Eller (133½) is tied for 18th.

Marshall remains the NFL career record-holder, now tied with Jason Taylor, for opponent fumbles recovered with 29. One of those infamously came on Oct. 25, 1964, at San Francisco when, after the Vikings forced 49ers running back Billy Kilmer to cough up the ball, Marshall scooped it up and scampered 66 yards into the end zone — the wrong way.

After he tossed the ball in the air and turned toward the touchdown celebration with his teammates he was expecting, Marshall stopped in his tracks and put his

hands on his hips in disbelief upon realizing he'd cost his team a safety. The Vikings went on to win 27-22.

“It took a lot of guts for me to go back on that field, because I took football very seriously and I had made the biggest mistake that you could probably make,” Marshall once said in an interview with NFL Films for a segment on the NFL's worst plays.

Marshall took the gaffe in stride, a graciousness made easier by his stature on the team and within the league. Long a favorite of hard-nosed head coach Bud Grant, Marshall played through the 1979 season, his final game coming two weeks before his 42nd birthday.



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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01- 2210-MF-000857 wherein loanDepot.com, LLC was Plaintiff, and Donald Gray, et al., were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 24 day of July ,2025, at the hour of 10am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, TN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. Being part of Lot Number Eighty-five (85), Old Town, now City of Madison. Commencing at the northeast corner of said lot formed by the west line of Walnut Street and the south line of the alley running East and West between Second and Main Street; thence South by and with the west line of Walnut Street Twenty-five (25) feet; thence West parallel south line of said alley Eighty-four (84) feet; thence North parallel with Walnut Street to the south line of said alley; thence East by and with said south line of said alley to Walnut Street, the place of beginning. Subject to all easements and rights-of-way of record. More commonly known as: 313 Walnut St, Madison, TN 47250 Parcel No. 39-13-02-132-001.000-007 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. "Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. 39D01-2210-MF-000857 in the Circuit/Superior Court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana." Plaintiff Attorney: Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49) Christopher J. Arlinghaus (3 1680-1 5) Aaron Rodgers (28418-84) Reisenfeld & Associates LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 Voice: (513) 322-7000 Facsimile: (513) 322-7099 SHERIFF FILE NO. SERVICE DIRECTED TO: Ben Flint, Sheriffof Jefferson County Township 313 Walnut St, Madison, IN 47250 Street Address

MADISON COURIER

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Switzerland Circuit Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2501-MF-000033, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Matthew W. Johnston, Jayme E. Johnston, United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 8th day of July, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 405 Liberty Street, Vevay, IN 47043, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana.

York Township: A part of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, York Township, Switzerland County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 West; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1353.51 feet; thence south 88 degrees 49 minutes 40 seconds west 1797.55 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 675.52 feet; thence north 60 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds east 42.32 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 719.01 feet to a rebar set, the point of beginning; thence continuing north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 931.89 feet to a nail set in the centerline of Hominy Ridge Road; thence along the centerline of Hominy Ridge Road the following four courses: north 89 degrees 53 minutes 11 seconds east 152.79 feet to a nail set; south 83 degrees 36 minutes 23 seconds east 50.60 feet to a nail set; south 72 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds east 49.85 feet to a nail set; south 55 degrees 31 minutes 37 seconds east 65.09 feet to a nail set; thence south 19 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds west 926.34 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.3905 acres.

More commonly known as 9599 Hominy Ridge Rd, Florence, IN 47020-9665
Parcel No. 78-10-20-900-012.015-008

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

/s/ Matthew S. Love
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Brian Morton, Sheriff
York Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

SERVICE DIRECTED TO:
Service Type: Serve By Certified Mail
Matthew W. Johnston
PO Box 237
Patriot, IN 47038-0237

Service Type: Serve By Sheriff
Jayme E. Johnston
9599 Hominy Ridge Rd
Florence, IN 47020-9665

NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 420 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250.



LEGAL NOTICE

The following will be sold for charges:

997 JENNY LYNN LN
CANAAN
On 06/26/2025 @ 10:00 AM
2003 HARLEY-DAVIDSON
1HD1DJV163Y630108
\$2,562.00



LEGAL NOTICE

Historic District Board of Review Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: June 23, 2025, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250

A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Review of Applications
· Tom McPherson – C. of A. to remove rear addition and re-place with deck, extending porch, moving stairs.
Location: 123 Jefferson St. Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
· Nancy Burkhardt – C. of A. to enlarge current concrete porch to wood porch.
Location: 203 East St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Mike Estes – C. of A. to re-place and extend railings on Wall St. side of house, and add railings to Third St. side of house.
Location: 126 Wall St. Zoned: R-8 Residential Medium Density (R-8)
D. New/Old Business
E. Staff Report
F. Adjournment
G. Next Meeting: Monday July 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing those who are for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.
This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does not prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting. City of Madison acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternative audio/visual devices, etc.) for participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services and/or meetings, the City requests that individuals make requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ADA Coordinator at 812-265-8300.
BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW
Brenna Haley,
Historic Preservationist

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